



Huntington Middle School

San Marino Unified School District

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Permission For Cheer Tryout

My child, _____ has my permission to tryout for the Huntington Middle School Cheer Squad.

I understand that my child must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Advisor and the Principal of HMS including the Extra-Curricular Academic Eligibility Policy. I understand that if I earn and accept a spot on the Cheer team, I must be present for all practices and games. I understand and give permission for my daughter/son to ride with the Advisor and/or other parents when necessary. I understand that all forms attached must be completed by Monday, May 12th, 2014 or my child will not be allowed to tryout. I understand that my child must attend all practices and tryout sessions or my child will not be considered for a position. I understand that my child will be evaluated on dance, cheer skills, and jumps. I agree to abide by the decision of the judges.

Cheerleading carries a risk of physical injury. No matter how careful the participants and coach are, how many spotters are used, or what landing surface is used, all risk cannot be eliminated. The risk of injury ranges from minor injuries such as muscle pulls, strains, and scrapes to major injuries such as dislocation, broken bones, and concussions. The risk also includes serious injuries such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing or falls on the back, neck or head.

“By completing the section below, I am agreeing to allow my child to tryout for the cheer squad at Huntington Middle School and am agreeing to all the conditions above. Furthermore I understand the inherent risk in the activity, including tryouts.”

Parent Names: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Email: _____ Home # _____ Cell# _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Extra-Curricular Academic Eligibility Policy

The intent in establishing this academic probationary system is to alter self-destructive student behavior or attendance problems in a positive direction and keeping student athletes on track while simultaneously providing for full student participation in co-curricular activities. Suspension or termination of the participation privilege is within the sole discretion of the school administration.

To be eligible for athletic participation, a student must have met the following requirements during the previous regular grading period.

- The student must have earned a **passing grade in all courses**.
- The student must have attained at least a **2.0 grade point average** in all coursework attempted.
- The student must have earned a passing grade of **C in citizenship in all classes and school-wide**.

ACADEMIC REPORTING

Determination of academic ineligibility is as follows.

- The athletics administrator gathers all student athletes GPA's every two weeks, on Friday (If Friday is a holiday or a day without students, the grades shall be pulled the most recent previous school day with students).
- The athletics administrator provides a copy of all student athletes GPA's to the Athletic Directors.
- From the point at which the athletics administrator notifies the athletic director, the athletic director has 24 hours to notify coaches of student athlete eligibility.
- From the point at which the athletic director notifies the coach, the coach has 24 hours to notify student athletes of ineligibility.
- The student athlete remains ineligible for the entirety of the 2 week period in which they were notified.

Teachers can make recording and computation errors. Academically ineligible players are encouraged to check with teachers and review posted grades for accuracy. Per California Education Code 49066(a), when grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a school district, the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of the course and the determination of the pupil's grade by the teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency, shall be final. As such, the teacher has the right to alter his/her posted grades if a clerical, mechanical, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency mistake is determined to be made.

- The only way a student that has below a 2.0 will be eligible to play, is if it is deemed that the computation of the grade was an error. Permission can only be granted by the A.D. and the Administrator in charge of athletics.
- At no time what so ever, will any adult (parent, faculty, etc) be allowed to pressure a faculty member into changing a grade for the sake of playing.

ACADEMICS

Every two weeks, on Friday (or the most previous school days with students when a Friday is a holiday) grades will be checked. A student whose academic average is below 3.0 and/or has earned an 'F' in any course, will be ineligible for the succeeding reporting period. A student who loses eligibility may continue to practice with the team but may not compete in nor suit up for any contest. The administration has final say over all decisions.

CITIZENSHIP

At any point during a season, a report can be made to the administrator and/or athletic department of a student's behavior choices which lead to a drop in citizenship. However, in order for a student to become ineligible due to citizenship, it is necessary, in accordance with school policy, a written progress report will have been issued to and confirmed received by the parent of the student (a phone call and/or a returned confirmation via email will also suffice) at the time the student's grade drops below a "C" in the class. An exception to this may be an instance where a teacher maintains a policy that anyone caught cheating will automatically receive an "F" grade in citizenship and/or a student earns a suspension (in or out of school) via the administration. If at any time a coach shows evidence of conduct unbecoming an HMS Athlete, with athletic director and administrative approval, the coach can



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dismiss the player from the team. Prior parent notification of poor behavior must be provided in this instance as well, except in cases where a single behavior or incident is deemed egregious by the coach, athletic director, and administration. The administration has final say over all decisions.

PROBATION

If a student is deemed ineligible, a student may apply for academic probation for the succeeding reporting period if he/she has not been on academic probation previously in the school year. Students can access probation only one time a year. Students cannot refuse to access the probation in order to access it later. If students who need to apply, because their GPA is below a 2.0, but do not apply, they forfeit their opportunity to do so. If they apply and are approved (approval will be decided within 24 hours of receipt of all needed documents), they will be able to play and practice, according to the plan submitted, throughout the current grading period. Upon the next grading period they will only become eligible to play and practice if they are above a 2.0.

The application for academic probation shall consist of a letter written by the student and addressed to the Athletic Director and the Principal or designee, stating

- The reason that probation is being requested.
- Why, in the student's view, he/she has caused the ineligibility to occur.
- How his/her behavior will be changed to avoid unsatisfactory grades and citizenship in the future.

A student granted probation will

- be monitored by their respective athletic coach for the entire sport or activity season.
- present to the coach and athletic director an HMS Weekly Athlete Evaluation signed by each teacher.

“I have read and understand the HMS Academic Eligibility Policy and agree to abide by them.”

Printed Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Printed Student Name

Student Signature

Date