



Braswell High School

CHEERLEADING
TRYOUT PACKET
2018-2019

2018-2019 Cheerleading Tryout Packet

Dear Candidate/Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in the Braswell High School Cheerleading Program. It is important that parents and candidates are aware of what is expected during the week of tryouts, as well as what will be expected should your son/daughter be selected as a squad member. There is a great commitment on the part of each student selected as a Braswell Cheerleader and their parent. We hope you will find your experience rewarding.

The tryout dates for the BHS Cheerleading Squad will be as follows:

- Monday, March 5th & Tuesday, March 6th (4:30 – 6:00PM daily) – **TRYOUT CLINIC**
- Wednesday, March 7th (4:30 – 5:30PM) – **OPTIONAL**
- Thursday, March 8th (4:30 – 6:00PM) – **MOCK TRYOUTS** *This may take longer than expected, but we will keep you updated
- Friday, March 9th (4:30 – END) – **TRYOUTS**

Every candidate, unless academically ineligible or suspended, **will attend all daily practices**. The **tryout clinic is mandatory unless the candidate is absent from school or academically ineligible**. During the clinic days, candidates will learn the tryout material and procedures. On the day of tryouts, each candidate must stay the full tryout period for the squad he/she is trying out for to allow for judging callbacks. **Tryouts are closed to the public.** Only the sponsors, administrators/staff, and judges will be allowed in the gym. Cheerleaders/Mascot for the 2018-2019 school year will be posted on the Braswell High School cheer website immediately following tryouts.

A MANDATORY informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 PM in the Braswell High School Lecture Hall. Parents of all candidates who wish to tryout must attend, and candidates are highly encouraged to attend. This meeting will provide additional information about the program as well as the tryout process. **If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Coach Bohne immediately.**

The application attached must be completed and turned in at the meeting on February 21st. **Late applications will not be accepted.** A current physical and a 4x6 (or larger) headshot of the applicant must be attached. ALL applicants MUST turn in a current physical evaluation to tryout.

All Denton ISD athletes must have a new physical at the beginning of their 7th, 9th, and 11th grade years (no exceptions). Please make sure that the doctor fills out the physical form and all Rank One medical forms are submitted online by the parent. This will need to be completed before we begin practices and/or attend camp.

Cheerleading is a full year commitment and requires many hours outside of school. This commitment requires enthusiasm and dedication from both cheerleaders/mascots and their parents. We hope each of you will be willing to give your support to your daughter/son and their squad, as we prepare for a successful 2018-2019 school year!

Thank you,

Coach Bohne
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IMPORTANT DATES

February 21 st	Parent Meeting 6:00PM in the BHS Lecture Hall.
February 21 st	Tryout Application DUE
March 5 th – 7 th	Tryout Clinic
March 8 th	Mock Tryouts
March 9 th	Warm-ups begin at 4:15PM & Tryouts begin promptly at 4:30PM
March 27 th	Required Meeting for ALL parents of the 2018-2019 squad members

ELIGIBILITY

1. Anyone who meets the set qualifications will not be discriminated against because of race, creed, education, or handicap.
2. Open to candidates entering grades nine (9) through twelve (12).
3. The Varsity squad may consist of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The Junior Varsity squad may consist of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The Freshmen squad will consist of freshmen only. The Competition Squad may be made up of all four grade levels (freshmen – seniors). The Competition Squad will be made up of the top 2018-2019 BHS cheerleaders' tryout scores, based on natural break in scores.
4. The application must be turned in at the mandatory February 21st parent meeting in order to attend the tryout clinics and tryouts. **Late forms will not be accepted!**
5. **All candidates must provide a copy of their 1st semester grades with their tryout application. This copy must include their grades for the 1st and 2nd quarters.**
6. Candidates must reside with their parent/guardian(s) within the Denton Independent School District or show proof of future DISD residency and must reside within the BHS attendance zone, unless they are cleared with DISD and an approved transfer request is on file with the BHS principal.
7. **All candidates must attend school at least half a day on the clinic and tryout dates to be eligible to participate.**
8. Cheer candidates will be expected to perform required material. A panel of three (3) qualified judges outside of DISD will judge the performance of each candidate during a closed tryout session.
9. Mascot candidates will be expected to perform a one (1) minute skit, candidates may use their choice of school appropriate music, props, and up to two (2) peer volunteers. These volunteers must not be a candidate for the 2018-2019 cheerleading program.

TRYOUT CLINIC

1. Each cheer candidate will learn a cheer, one chant, required jumps, and a dance routine (dance may be replaced with stunting for the male applicants).
2. Each mascot candidate will be given time during clinic to prepare their skit. A stereo will be provided.
3. All candidates will wear proper workout attire. Shorts must be of an appropriate length and tops must be in dress code. Candidates must wear tennis shoes approved for a gym floor. No jewelry can be worn during the clinic and hair must be up and out of the eyes.
4. Gum, canned beverages, and food are not allowed in the gym. Candidates may bring a closed container of water.
5. Any candidate academically ineligible is required to learn the routine on his/her own time. If the candidate is selected as a cheerleader, he/she will be placed on a probationary status.

TRYOUTS

1. Tryouts are closed to spectators. Those eligible for attendance include the sponsors, judges, BHS administrators and staff.
2. Each cheer candidate must wear a plain white t-shirt (no v-neck), plain black shorts (no short/tight shorts/spandex), white tennis shoes, plain white socks, and hair in pony tail. No jewelry will be allowed. Each candidate will need to wear a bow that represents the highest squad he/she will be trying out for this year. Varsity – Red \ JV – Black \ Freshmen – White
3. Each mascot candidate may wear a costume of their choosing to match the theme of the skit.
4. Each candidate will be issued a number during the clinic and this will be their order number for tryouts.
5. Cheer candidates will be scored by judges on the following basis:
 - Cheer technique and motions
 - Spirit (showmanship) – projection, smile, enthusiasm, poise, and confidence.
 - Jumps (technique and form)
 - Tumbling (technique, form, and difficulty)
 - Dance technique (in groups of three) – precision, rhythm, and memorization

- For males trying out, this category may be replaced by stunting. He will choose a female that is also trying out. He will have three (3) opportunities to show partner stunts to the judges.
- 6. Mascot candidates will be scored by the judges on the following basis:
 - Use of props
 - Originality
 - Crowd Appeal
 - Spirit and Enthusiasm
 - Character Development
- 7. Selection of the members will be based on judges' scores (80%) and assistant principal recommendations, which will be based on grades, discipline referrals, and attendance/tardies (20%) for a total of 100%.
- 8. The judges' decision is final!
- 9. Announcement of the new cheerleaders/mascot will be made following the conclusion of the tryouts, any callbacks, and final tally of all scores. The results will be posted on the Braswell High School cheerleading website.
 - Candidates **MUST** have been selected for a Freshman, JV, or Varsity squad to be considered for the BHS Competition Cheer Squad. This squad will be announced at a later date. Information will be given out to 2018-2019 cheerleaders only.
- 10. All appeals about the selection process must be in writing and must address the specific written aspect of the selection process to the Braswell High School associate principal. Initial appeals must originate at the campus level and must follow DISD policies and procedures for student/parent grievances.

THE SEASONS OF CHEERLEADING

- **Spring** – Tryouts, captain tryouts, preparation for camp, fundraisers, baseball, softball
- **Summer** – Fundraising, summer practices, camp, sign painting
- **Fall** – Practices, pep rallies, football/volleyball games, homecoming, fundraisers
- **Winter** – Practices, competition, pep rallies, football playoffs, basketball, soccer, fundraisers

FINANCES:

Below you will find an itemized list of some of the expenses that you will encounter this year. Hopefully, this will give you an idea of what to expect financially. The largest sum of money will be paid in the beginning. However, some items may be purchased over time. Great care is taken by the coaches to keep the cost as low as possible.

I. Required Uniform Items (purchased by the cheerleader/mascot):

- Camp clothes - \$160
- Cheer bag - \$35
- Bows - \$20-\$40
- Socks - \$15
- Sports bra - \$25
- Bloomers - \$15 each (2 required)
- Shoes - \$75
- Megaphone - \$60 (Varsity only)

II. Events

- Summer Camp – \$500
- Big/Little Gifts
- Dinners/Snacks/Gift Baskets

III. Miscellaneous

- Pep Rally Items - \$40
- Pictures – Price depends on packages

IV. Fundraising

- Fundraisers will be selected by sponsors, as needed.

Financial Due Dates:




March 22nd \$500.00 due







April 19th Remaining balance due

Unfortunately, no scholarships will be given for cheerleading. No items will be given out until they are paid in full! The school provides the official field uniforms. These uniforms are issued to the cheerleaders and returned at the end of the school year.

Please remember that prices may vary slightly and sales tax will be added to final amount

BHS CHEERLEADING TRYOUT CHECKLIST

-  Read this Tryout Packet in its entirety.
-  Attend the MANDATORY Meeting – **Thursday, February 21st**
-  Turn in completed Tryout Application – **Thursday, February 21st**
 - Tryout Application
 - Copy of 1st Semester Grades (must include 1st & 2nd quarter grades)
 - Current Physical
 - *if candidate tried out for the 2018-2019 squad see Coach Bohne for copy of physical from previous year.
 - 4 x 6 (or larger) Head Shot

Late forms will not be accepted!
-  Plain White T-Shirt (No V-necks)
-  Plain Black Shorts (No short, tight, or spandex shorts allowed!)
-  Plain White Cheer/Athletic Shoes
-  Plain White Socks
-  Hair in ponytail
-  Ribbon/Bow
 - Freshmen Only – White
 - Freshmen or JV - Black
 - Varsity - Red

BRASWELL HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TRYOUT APPLICATION

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Current School: _____ Current Student ID #: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name/Relation: _____ Phone Number: _____

Which Squad are you trying out for?

(Please Circle)

Varsity

Junior Varsity

Freshmen

Mascot

My daughter/son, _____, has my permission to tryout for the Braswell High School Cheerleading Program for the 2018-2019 school year. My daughter/son and I understand the financial obligations that must be met as set forth in this tryout packet, if selected as a cheerleader/mascot. We also understand that the school and/or coaches assume no responsibility for accident or injury that might occur during any cheerleading activity, including tryouts.

We have read the tryout information concerning the cheerleading organization and the tryout procedures. We are satisfied that it is a privilege and not a right to be chosen as a BHS cheerleader for the 2018-2019 school year. We also understand that not everyone can be chosen.

Signature of Applicant

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

_____ Date: _____