

Dear Parents and Students:

Thank you for your interest in the Braswell High School Cheerleading Program. It is important that you are aware of what is expected from each candidate during the week of tryouts, as well as what will be expected should your candidate be selected as a squad member.

The tryout dates for the BHS cheerleading squad will be as follows:

Tryout Week March 19 – 22

- Tuesday and Wednesday – Tryout Clinic 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- Thursday – Mock Tryouts 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm (or until we are done)
- Friday – March 22 – Tryout Day – 4:30 pm -?

Each candidate **will attend all daily practices and Tryout Clinic is mandatory unless a candidate is absent from school.** During practices, the candidates will learn the tryout routines and procedures. If a candidate is academically ineligible they may still participate in the Tryout Clinic and Tryouts however, if they are not eligible during the next grading period, they forfeit their position on the squad. On the day of tryouts, each candidate must stay for the full tryout period in order 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 for 2019-2020 school year will be posted on the Braswell High School Cheer Website following tryouts after final calculation and tabulation is completed by judges and administration.

A mandatory parent meeting will be held on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Braswell Lecture Hall. Parents of all candidates who wish to tryout must attend. This meeting will provide additional information about the program as well as the tryout process.

The application attached must be completed by you and your candidate and turned in at the mandatory meeting on Monday, February 18 at 6:00 pm. A completed physical (**incoming freshmen and upcoming juniors**) dated January 1, 2019 or later **must be attached. This item will not be returned.** Late application packets will NOT be accepted. All forms, except the Assistant Principal form, must be filled out and turned in along with the application packet. The Assistant Principal form will be given directly to the cheer coach.

Incoming Sophomores and Seniors can attach a copy of their physical on file at their current high school. Physical packets will be due with the tryout packet. Your candidate will need to have a physical packet (available through Denton ISD Webpage) completed and submitted by February 18. ALL applicants MUST turn in a physical packet to tryout.

Cheerleading is a full-year commitment and requires many hours outside of regular school. This commitment requires enthusiasm and dedication, not only from the cheerleaders, but from the parents as well. The Team can be at its best only if we have your support. We hope each of you will be willing to give your support to your candidate and the squad as they prepare for a successful 2019-2020 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Dede Moore at 254-717-3303 or dmoore4@dentonisd.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 18	Mandatory Parent/Candidate Tryout Meeting 6:00 pm in the Braswell Lecture Hall
February 18	Tryout packets and forms (except the Assistant Principal form) are due
March 19 – 22	Tryout week
March 23	Required meeting for ALL parents and squad members of the 2019 – 2020 Cheer Team
March 29	1 st payment due – estimate \$500
April 12	2 nd and final payment due

Eligibility

1. Anyone who meets the set qualifications will not be discriminated against because of race, creed, education or handicap.
2. Prospective candidates shall be entering grades nine (9) through twelve (12).
3. The varsity squad may consist of sophomores, juniors and seniors. The JV squad may consist of freshman, sophomores and juniors. This will be determined by the natural break in the scores. The number of teams created will be determined by scores on the day of tryouts. Please identify in the tryout packet the highest team you would like to tryout for.
4. Candidates must reside with their parent/guardian(s) within DISD and must reside within the Braswell High School attendance zone, unless they are cleared with DISD and an approved transfer request is on file with the BHS principal.
5. **All candidates must attend school for at least half of a day on the Clinic days and tryout day in order to be eligible to participate.**
6. Candidates will be expected to perform required routines. A panel of three (3) qualified judges will judge the performance of the candidates during a closed tryout session.

TRYOUT CLINIC

1. Each candidate will learn a cheer, chant, the required jumps, and a dance routine (dance may be replaced with stunting for the male applicants).
2. All candidates will wear proper work out 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 at all times.
3. Gum, canned or bottled beverages, and food are not allowed in the gym. Candidates can bring a closed container of water.
4. Captains will teach routines during the Clinic BUT WILL NOT be available outside of the 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Clinic hours to assist ANY candidate.

TRYOUTS

1. Tryouts are closed to spectators. Those eligible for attendance include the sponsors, judges, BHS administrators and BHS appointed staff.
2. Each candidate must wear a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts, plain white cheer shoes, plain white socks and hair in a ponytail. NO jewelry will be allowed. On tryout day, each candidate will wear a bow that represents the highest squad they will be trying out for.
 - Red Bow – Varsity Squad
 - Black Bow – JV Squad
3. Each candidate will be issued a number during the Clinic and this will be their order number for tryouts.
4. Candidates will be scored by judges on the following:
 - Motions arm level, sharpness, technique, and memory
 - Spirit and Enthusiasm projection, smile, enthusiasm, poise, and confidence
 - Jumps technique, flexibility, difficulty, and height
 - Tumbling technique, form, and difficulty
 - Dance (in groups of three) energy, skill, rhythm, and memorization
 - Dance for male candidates may be replaced with stunting. The male candidate will choose a female that is also trying out to assist. Three (3) opportunities will be provided to show the judges partner stunts. Coaches will be available to act as spotters.
5. Selection of the members will be based on the judges' scores and additional information obtained from assistant principals on attendance, discipline referrals, and academic eligibility.
6. The judges' decision is final.

7. All appeals about the selection process must be in writing and must address the specific concern of the selection process to Dede Moore, Cheer Coach. Initial appeals must originate at the campus level and must follow DISD policies and procedures for the student/parent grievances.

CHEERLEADING SEASON IS ALL YEAR

1. Spring – tryouts, captain tryouts, preparation for camp, fundraisers, basketball, soccer, baseball, and softball
2. Summer – fundraisers, summer practices, camp, and sign painting
3. Fall – practices, pep rallies, football and volleyball games, homecoming, and fundraisers
4. Winter – practices, competition, pep rallies, football playoffs, basketball, soccer, and fundraisers

FINANCES: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Below you will find a list of some of the expenses that you will incur this year. The expenses will be split into two equal payments. These are only estimates and the actual amount will not be determined until the squads are secured. Tax is charged on each of these purchases.

- Required uniform items to be purchased/rented by the cheerleader:
 - Uniform rental fee
 - Camp clothes
 - Cheer bag
 - Bows
 - Socks
 - Sports Bra
 - Bloomers (at least 2 required)
 - Shoes (chosen by the coaches)
 - Megaphone (varsity only)
- Events
 - Camp
 - Dinners/Snacks/Gift Baskets
 - Any squad parties
- Miscellaneous
 - Pep Rally Items
 - Pictures (based on your selection)

No items will be given out until they are paid in full. All uniforms will be rented by the cheerleader and returned at the end of the year. Braswell High School will retain ownership of all uniforms.

BRASWELL HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TRYOUT CHECKLIST

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PACKET

- **Complete the Packet:**
 - **Fill out the Application (signed by candidate and parent/guardian)**
 - **Get a Physical (incoming freshmen and incoming junior candidates must have a physical dated January 1, 2019)**
 - **if you are not required to get a new physical and tried out last year, ask one of the coaches for your physical packet from last year**
- **Attend required tryout meetings**
 - **February 18 – mandatory parent and candidate meeting**
 - **ALL paperwork at this time. No late applications accepted after this date.**
 - **March 19 – 22 – Tryout Clinic**
 - **March 23 – “Cheer Made It” meeting**

BRASWELL HIGH SCHOOL CHEELEADER TRYOUT APPLICATION

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Name: _____ T-Shirt (regular) size: _____

Address: _____ Cell #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ DISD Student ID #: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Best Form of Contact: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Best Form of Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Information (include name & number): _____

Position trying out for (Please Circle):

Varsity (SR, JR, SO) Junior Varsity (JR, SO, FR)

Reminder: Seniors can only tryout for varsity; juniors can tryout for varsity or junior varsity; sophomores can tryout for varsity or junior varsity; freshmen can only tryout for junior varsity.

List other clubs or activities you plan on being a part of next year?

My daughter/son, _____, has my permission to tryout for the Braswell High School Cheerleaders for the 2019-2020 school year. My daughter/son and I understand the financial obligations that must be met as set forth in the Constitution if selected as a cheerleader. 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 2019-2020 school year. We also understand that not everyone can be chosen.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

BRASWELL HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADER ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REFERRAL FORM

Students with equal to or greater than 10 accumulated points will be deemed eligible for tryouts for the 2019 – 2020 cheerleading squad. Students with 9 or fewer points will not be permitted to tryout.

Attendance Score

(3 Tardies = 1 unexcused Absences)

For the 2018 – 2019 School Year

0 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES	5 POINTS	
1 – 2 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES	3 POINTS	
3+ UNEXCUSED ABSENCES	0 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS		
SIGNATURE OF AP		

Discipline Score – for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

(3-non ISS incidents = 1 day of In School Suspension)

0 OFFICE REFERRALS	5 POINTS	
1 – 2 OFFICE REFERRALS OR DENTENTIONS	3 POINTS	
ISS OR OSS	0 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS		
SIGNATURE OF AP		

Academic Score – all grade checks for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

(Printed copy of Report Card grades for the year)

0 FAILURES	5 POINTS	
1 – 2 FAILURES	3 POINTS	
3+ FAILURES	0 POINTS	
TOTAL POINTS		
SIGNATURE OF AP		

This form will be returned directly to Dede Moore by the Assistant Principal NOT the student.