

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS FOR CHEERLEADERS

EACH CHEERLEADER is expected to:

- A. Understand the seriousness and responsibility of his/her role, and the privilege of representing the school, District, and community.
- B. Treat opposing cheerleaders the way the student would like to be treated, as a guest or friend.

Who better than the cheerleader can understand all the training and team effort that goes into a cheerleading squad?

- C. Wish opposing cheerleaders good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.
- D. Establish standards of desirable behavior for the squad and attempt in a cheerful manner to transfer that to the school's spectators.
- E. Select positive cheers which praise the school's team without antagonizing the opponents.
- F. Encourage a positive crowd alternative when booing or an inappropriate chant begins by starting a popular cheer.
- G. Use discretion in selecting the times to cheer. Give the opposing school the same amount of time the schools squad would want in performing cheers, and treat opposing players like the school's team is treated.
- H. Give encouragement to injured players and recognition to outstanding performances for both teams.
- I. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.

Treating them with respect, even if the cheerleader disagrees with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of the team, the squad, and community in the eyes of the officials and all at the event.

Any form of unacceptable behavior by any student is subject to discipline which may include removal from the event, suspension of participation in all athletic events for a season or school year, suspension from school, and/or referral to the local authorities.