

Cheer Parent Meeting 2024-25

WELCOME!

- Please sign in and pick up a tryout packet and copy of the constitution.
- Make sure you have signed in. If you don't, you will not be counted present and will not be able to tryout.



HELLO! First, let us introduce ourselves....

Shelby Thiel- Head Coach/Varsity

- **Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at WHS**
- **Former Head Coach at Lynn Lucas Middle School**
- **Former Freshman Cheer Coach at WHS**

Nicole Westmoreland - Junior Varsity Coach

- **Special Education Teacher at WHS**
- **Former Head Coach in Georgetown, TX**

We are in the process of hiring a Freshman Cheer Coach for the 2024-25 school year.

Katelyn Owens - Assistant Principal over Cheer

We are looking for candidates who are:

Confident

Role Models

Energetic

Supportive

Committed

Leaders

TEAM PLAYERS

Respectful

Positive Attitudes

Academically Successful

Creative

WHS Cheer Mission Statement

The Willis High School Cheerleading program is dedicated to providing a safe environment that offers a challenging program, promotes high expectations, and prepares its students to become team players who are also responsible citizens.

Tryout Dates

**ALL DATES ON THIS SLIDE
MUST BE ATTENDED IN ORDER
TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TRYOUT!**

Tryout Clinic: March 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th 2024

Tryout Clinic: 3:30-5:30 pm

Where: WHS Purple Gym

Attire: Preferably Willis shirt and black shorts

NO Jewelry- Hair in high ponytail

Mock tryout on March 7th

Per UIL regulations, you must attend school in its entirety each day of clinic/tryouts in order to tryout.

TRYOUTS:

March 8th

Where: Warm-up in Purple Gym & Tryout in Large Gym

STARTS at 2:30 pm

****Be in small gym stretching/warming up NO LATER THAN 2:00 pm****

Attire: Plain white T shirt, Black shorts, NO LOGOS, white ankle socks, Plain white shoes (Cheer shoes are great if you have them, Academy has some for \$35) IF not and you have some already make sure they are CLEANED the night before.

NO Jewelry, Hair in a high ponytail, white bow, natural colored nails, NO LOGOS

No one can leave until released!

THIS COSTS HOW MUCH???



***FEES ARE ONLY APPLICABLE IF A STUDENT MAKES THE TEAM. Failure to complete payments on time will result in forfeit of the cheer position.**

Deposit of min \$110 for campwear and \$560 for camp fees paid on Varsity portal.

2nd payment due April 26 to Varsity Spirit Fashions

ALL REMAINING PAYMENTS due May 24th

Returning Varsity or advancing from JV:

Custom uniforms.....	\$250
Practice wear	\$300
Backpack/Shoes/ Jacket/Warm Ups/Bows.....	\$420
Camp.....	\$560
Your approx. Total:	\$1530

New squad member- Varsity

Custom uniforms.....	\$250
Backpack/ Jacket/Warm Ups/Shoes/Bows.....	\$450
Practice wear.....	\$350
Camp.....	\$560
Your approx. Total	\$1,610

Returning JV

Practice wear.....	\$350
Camp.....	\$560
Backpack/ Jacket/Warm Ups/Shoes/Bows.....	\$350
Your approx. Total:	\$1,260

New Squad member JV or FR:

Backpack/ Jacket/Warm Ups/Shoes/Bows.....	\$450
Practice wear.....	\$350
Camp.....	\$560
Your approx. Total:	\$1,360

Physicals:

All students who attend the cheer clinic and tryouts must have a physical “on file” with the athletic trainers’ office. Any student who already has a current physical on file is good to go.

If you did not cheer at WHS/BMS/LLMS or did not play a sport this year, you will need a physical on file before the clinic.

IF your child makes the team, an updated physical WILL be required prior to camp in June 2024.

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ATHLETIC PREPARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

To be cleared for participation by Willis ISD prior to the 2021-2022 school year, **please complete steps 1 and 2 below...**

Step 1: Rank One

- Willis ISD uses **Rank One** for our athletic and fine arts participation management software.

- The Willis ISD Rank One Parent Portal link below will guide you through the steps that must be submitted prior to participation for the 2021-2022 school year. These required UIL Acknowledgement and Emergency Information documents **MUST** be completed prior to any participation for all activities.

Click here: [Willis ISD Rank One Parent Portal](#)

Step 2: Pre-Participation Physical

Based upon minimum requirements for participation in UIL activities, and for the utmost concern regarding student safety, Willis ISD requires an annual physical on file in the WHS Athletic Training Office, **dated April 15th or after**, for the upcoming school year.

***** PER UIL POLICY REQUIREMENT, THIS FORM MUST BE ON FILE PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE, PERFORMANCE OR CONTEST BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER SCHOOL.**

Click Here: [2021-2022 UIL Pre-Participation Physical Form](#)

This completed and signed form can be submitted to the Willis High School Athletic Trainer's Office by email at mmcclatchy@willisisd.org

SUMMER CAMP

Hosted at Great Wolf Lodge in
Grapevine, Texas

May 30th- June 2nd

Camp fee is included in your
financial breakdown

Theme: The Golden Era
More information to come



Team Breakdown

Any cheerleader who makes above a 70 will automatically be admitted to a squad that they qualify for under scoring guidelines.

The makeup of Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman squads are outlined below:

- Varsity:
The number of Varsity members will range from 20-24 based off the natural break. The squad will consist of students who are seniors, juniors, and/or sophomores for the incoming school year. If you are a senior and do not score a 70 OR you do not fall in the range of scores of the top 20 eligible participants, you will not make the squad.
- Junior Varsity:
The number of Junior Varsity members will range from 16-20 based off the natural break. Incoming freshman, sophomores and juniors who do not fall within the top 20 (ie. those who make Varsity) will be placed on the JV squad.
- Freshman:
The number of Freshman members will range from 12-16 based off the natural break. The 12 highest scoring freshman who do not make JV will be placed on the Freshman squad.

***In the case of a tie for the last cheerleading position on an individual squad, each candidate will be awarded a position on that squad.**

JUDGES Tryout Points:

Entrance (Individual)	
Spirit & Enthusiasm	5
Standing Tumbling (Tuck - 10) (Back Handspring - 5)	10
Jumps (Individual) one jump must be a toe touch	
Jump 1	5
Jump 2	5
Jump 3	5
Cheer (Individual)	
Voice Projection	5
Confidence/Memory/Facial Expression	5
Motion Placement	5
Sharpness	5
Skill in Cheer	5

Chant (Group)	
Voice Projection	5
Confidence/Memory/Facial Expression/ Filler words	5
Motion Placement	5
Sharpness	5
Band Chant (Group)	
Voice Projection	5
Confidence/Memory/Facial Expression	5
Motion Placement	5
Sharpness	5
Overall Impression	
How good was the overall performance?	5
TOTAL	100

Mascot Points

- A 1:30-2:00 minute skit is required
- The skit must have an overall theme, crowd interaction, and elements of surprise
- The skit must be choreographed to music and props
- Skits may include live assistants (mascots, cheerleader, dancers, etc)

Will be scored out of 85 points.

Varsity Mascot can be a sophomore, junior or senior.

JV/FR Mascot can be a freshman, sophomore or junior.

Appearance (up to 10 pts)

Appearance (10)

Spirit and Enthusiasm (up to 20 pts)

Spirit and Enthusiasm (20)

Music (up to 10 pts)

Music (10)

Technique (up to 15 pts)

Technique (15)

Creativity (up to 25 pts)

Creativity (25)

Props (up to 5 pts)

Props (5)

How will I know if I made it???

We will be posting on the Willis High School Cheer website when the teams are complete. There is no set time.

If your child did not make it, you can scan the QR code and fill out the Google Form to set up a meeting. All meetings will be held after Spring Break.

We will NOT be meeting with those that make the squad.

FAQs

If my child scores a 70 or above, they will be placed on a team automatically? YES

If I have an incoming senior trying out for varsity and they score a 70 or above, they automatically make varsity? YES

If I have an incoming senior and they do not score a 70, can they still make it? YES, if they fall within the range of the amount of varsity members taken based off natural break.

If I have an incoming junior trying out for varsity and they score above a 70, do they automatically make Varsity? NO - score must fall within the range of highest to lowest and fall within the amount of varsity members taken based off natural break. If not, they qualify for JV.

FAQs

If my child is not a senior and does not score a 70 or above, does that mean they can't be on a team? **NO** - score would need to fall within the allotted range before the cap.

If my child is an incoming freshman, can they make the Varsity squad? **No** - they are only eligible for the Freshman squad and JV squad. Freshman can not be on varsity.

CHEER CLASS

- Cheer class is 1st period this year. At this time, the master schedule for 24-25 has not been released so I do not know if it will remain 1st period.
- Must be in cheer class if you make the team
- This counts as a PE credit
- Will consist of pep rally routines, cardio/strength training, stunt practice, etc.

COMPETITION SQUAD

- Solely up to coach's decision
- If tryouts are needed, we will hold them, but only up to coach's discretion.
- Based on talent, attitude, things that are observed throughout summer camp, practices, etc.
- If you are chosen for the competition squad, you must attend all practices, competitions, etc.
- Practices will be outside of the school day - either before or after school depending on gym availability

Commitments once you make it...

- Mandatory uniform fitting: March 26th starting at 3:15 PM - First Payment Due
- Practice starting every Tuesday after school beginning the week of April 2nd.
- Summer camp - May 30- June 2, 2024
- Practice 1x/week during school year on Tuesdays
- Fall - 1 football game per week (FR/JV on Thursday and Varsity on Friday)
- Fall - 1 volleyball game every other week
- Spring - 1 basketball game per week
- Additional sporting events at the coach's discretion
- Community events - up to 2 events per month
- WHS Cheer is a full year commitment!

Remember....

Cheerleading is a team sport. ALL practices, games, pep rallies, events, and appearances are mandatory.

Outside activities such as dance, all star cheer, work, family vacations, etc. are not excused absences.

Make sure cheerleaders/parents read and understand the WISD Cheer Constitution, this will be given out during tryout clinic.

Doctor's/dentist appointments are to be scheduled around cheer class, practices, events, etc.

You must have a doctor's note for injuries.

If you elect to try out for WHS Cheer, make sure that you understand it is a YEAR-long commitment, even after competitions. WHS Cheerleaders don't just cheer during football season, they support all teams either by direct cheering, making posters, or supporting from the stands.

Parents and students, please monitor ALL social networking sites and phones with picture taking abilities. When you elect to be a part of this program, you elect to represent this school. You are under a microscope at all times. Inappropriate behavior, social media postings, etc. will not be tolerated and can be subject to dismissal from the squad.

Cheer Parent Meeting

We will be having a parent meeting for the 24-25 cheer team on Tuesday, March 26th at 6 pm after the uniform fitting.

Parent Expectations

Please remember that, by extension, you are a representative of our program, as well.

Encourage positive relationships among the entire cheerleading group, both students and parents.

Follow, support, and respect cheerleading guidelines and coaches at all times.

Stay updated via website, email, SportsYou.

Set a positive example with your actions, words, and communications with each other in and out of WHS events.

Tryout Packet (look at now)

Checklist on front

Please read entire packet

Only return pages that are on the checklist

Due back by Friday March 1st at 4 PM to Coach Shelby Thiel in the box at front desk.

Questions?

Feel free to email me at
sthiel@willisisd.org

