

SPIRIT TEAMS

Purposed

Cheerleaders and dance team members compete as athletes. Bryant spirit leaders also promote sportsmanship within our school and among other schools. The highest priority is encouraging spirit and pride for Bryant Schools. The team works in harmony with administration, faculty, athletic teams, band and other school organizations.



Appearance and Uniforms

1. Hair and nails must be kept in accordance with AAA guidelines. No jewelry, including all body piercings, can be worn while participating in an event (including practice, game, and competition).
2. Each member is responsible for maintaining all uniforms issued by the school. Loss of any uniform article must be replaced at the member's expense. Uniforms must be returned clean and undamaged.

Disciplinary System

Once the squad is selected coaches will discuss the disciplinary system at the parent meeting. Each spirit team will follow the procedure for dismissal of athletes as stated in the Bryant Athletic Handbook.

Financial Responsibility and Fundraising

1. Limits are placed on parent out of pocket expenditures. The maximum cost per group is as follows: Senior High Cheer & Dance \$600; Freshman Cheer & Dance \$400; 8th grade Cheer & Dance \$300; and 7th grade Cheer & Dance \$250. Money is due before school ends in May. Summer camp is required for all members and is included in the out of pocket expenditures. Coaches will determine the type and location of the camp. Members and parents may choose to be involved in specific fundraisers to defer individual expenses.
2. Any additional cost (competition fees, technique fee, choreography fee) will be raised through fundraising efforts of the group. Members will be expected to actively participate in fundraising projects during the year. The coach and parents will determine specific fundraisers to help defer competition cost.
3. Parents and/or students will be required to work in the concession stand for Bryant Athletics when assigned by the concession manager.

Tryout Procedures

Tryouts will be held in March/April of each year. Teams will be selected by the Bryant Coaching Staff.

Competition

Spirit teams (Grades 7-12) will participate in various competitions throughout the year. Team members may be benched from a routine or competition (state, nationals, invitationals, etc.) in high school (grades 10-12) at the head coach's discretion. In grades 7-9, team members may be benched based on disciplinary or academic issues only.

Additional Information

1. Chain of command – If a situation arises, the parent should contact the coach directly. If the parent is not satisfied after speaking to the coach, then the athletic director and/or appropriate school principal should be consulted (grades 7-9, contact JH Athletic Director Kirk Bock; grades 10-12, contact Athletic Director Mike Lee). If the parent is unsatisfied with the outcome, they should contact the Deputy Superintendent. Finally, the superintendent should be consulted if the parent is still unsatisfied.
2. Spirit team members will follow the rules of the Bryant Athletic Handbook, National Federation/Arkansas Activities Association as well as all team rules.
3. Participation in other sports and activities which may conflict with spirit events should be discussed with the coach prior to tryouts.