

DAPHNE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADER TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS 2021

All completed application forms, including the \$25 tryout fee, are due to Coach Stephanie Dillon at DMS at tryout clinic **Monday, March 8, 2021** at 3:15pm. All the forms and dragonfly must be updated in order for your student to participate. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The following forms should be completed in their entirety and returned as part of the application process:

- Non-refundable Tryout Fee (Made payable to DMS)
- Parent/Child Cheerleader Contract (attached)
- Completed DragonFly Record for Athlete (information attached)
- Physical Form (completed by physician)

- Candidates will be chosen on the basis of cheerleading ability and must demonstrate that they will be exhibiting a positive image for Daphne Middle School. **TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS ARE A LARGE PART OF THE SELECTION PROCESS. Teacher recommendations are CONFIDENTIAL, and this information WILL NOT be released to parents under any circumstance.** A link for the selected teachers will be released to the candidate at the parent meeting. The teacher will submit electronically. It is the candidate's only responsibility to give the link to the teacher(s).
- The selection committee will consist of three qualified judges. Judges scores are **FINAL**. Results will be posted on the Daphne Middle School webpage no later than 8:00 pm on **Friday, March 12, 2021**.
- Prospective cheerleaders are expected to attend the clinic **Monday, March 8 - Wednesday, March 10, 2021** from **3:15-4:30. PLEASE BE PROMPT FOR PICK UP.** The dance and cheer used for tryouts will be posted to the Daphne Middle website under the Cheerleading tab no later than 2:00pm on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Please watch and start learning prior to Monday's clinic.
- Candidates should wear shorts, a t-shirt or tank top, and athletic shoes each day of the cheer clinic. Bra tops and hot shorts are not acceptable. For tryouts on **Thursday, March 11, 2021** from **3:00-4:00**, prospective cheerleaders must wear a PLAIN white t-shirt or tank top, with purple or black shorts. Each day, prospective cheerleaders should be free of jewelry, with hair pulled up and out of the face. **Do Not wear Daphne Gear on tryout day.**
- Tryouts are closed to the public; this applies to clinic days as well as official tryouts on Thursday. Friends and family will not be allowed in the building.

Please see the example below of a **tentative** judge's score sheet.

Candidate Number _____	
Tumbling:	_____ /05 points
Jumps:	
Single Toe-touch	_____ /05 points
Double Toe Touch	_____ /05 points
Optional Jump #1	_____ /05 points
Optional Jump #2	_____ /05 points
Cheer: (Motion placement, sharpness, execution)	_____ /20 points
Dance: (rhythm, knowledge of material, energy)	_____ /20 points
Showmanship: (smile, facials, confidence)	_____ /15 points
Teacher Recommendation AVG:	_____ /20 points
TOTAL OVERALL SCORE: _____ / 100 points	

The parent/guardian of each applicant should be aware of the following conditions, which will apply should the applicant be chosen as a DMS cheerleader:

- Your cheerleader will be required to have a current physical, as well as a completed DragonFly account before the start of tryout clinic week.
- A **mandatory** cheer constitution meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 18 at 5:00 pm** virtually. All cheerleaders and one parent are required to attend.
- An adult **female** relative of the cheerleader will be required to attend a sizing appointment on **Thursday, April 1 at 5:30 pm** in the DMS library.
- We will begin after-school practices the week after Spring Break (April 13th) on Tuesday's only from 3:15-4:15. and we will continue through the end of May. Practices during the year will MOST LIKELY be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:15-4:30, with football games on Thursdays. Any additional practices will be announced in plenty of time to make arrangements.
- Cheerleaders will be required to attend **all** summer practices, including cheer camp in July.
- Cheerleaders will be off the entire month of June. Summer practices begin late July after camp. A practice schedule will be announced with plenty of time to make preparations.
- Assuming all dates are workable, the 2021-22 cheer team will participate in the Cheer for Hope (Biloxi, date TBA, likely November 6), AHSAA South Super Regional Cheer Competition (Mobile, generally in November, date TBA), Southern School Championship Regional Competition (Birmingham, generally mid November, date TBA) and/or AHSAA State Finals Cheer Competition (Hanceville, generally mid-December, date TBA). All competitions are required.
- Please understand that the cheer season begins in the spring after tryouts, and lasts through the end of basketball season (late January/early February). During football season, games are on Thursday evenings. During basketball season, games are generally on Mondays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to game nights, we will have a practice schedule for each dedicated sports/competition season. Because cheerleading is a time intensive, TEAM sport, DMS cheerleading **must** take priority. Missing practice and/or games will result in demerit review. After so many demerits, dismissal from the squad may be required.
- Due to change in policy, coaches will not be transporting cheerleaders to camp, games, off campus practices, competitions, etc. You are responsible to get your child to these events.
- You will be responsible for the cost of camp (including all food and extra expenses), the cost of uniforms, camp clothes, cheer gear, accessories, choreography, etc., competition fees and costs. We facilitate several fundraisers (April- Spirit Shirts, May- Court Dance-Unknown with Covid, May- gym banners), but be aware of expected payment schedule:

March 18th	\$375.00
April 1st	\$375.00
May 4th	\$375.00
July	First Day of Camp remaining balance is due.

\$1500.00 Total

You have the option to pay by cash, check or on our school website with a debit/credit card.

**** A \$50 late fee will be added if received 3 days after the due date ****

2021-2022 PARENT/CHILD CHEERLEADER CONTRACT

Candidate:

I have read and fully understand the Baldwin County Cheerleader Guidelines. I agree to abide by all rules set forth by the Baldwin County Board of Education, Daphne Middle School, and the cheer coach. I further understand that this is an extracurricular activity, and that attendance at **all** practices, games, special functions, workouts, competitions and summer camp is a requirement of the selected cheerleaders.

Cheerleader Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian:

I have read and fully understand the Baldwin County Cheerleader Guidelines, which will govern my daughter if she is chosen to represent Daphne Middle School as a cheerleader. I further understand that this is an extracurricular activity, and that attendance at all practices, games, special functions, competitions and summer camp is a requirement of the selected cheerleaders.

I hereby give my consent for my daughter _____ to tryout for cheerleader at Daphne Middle School and recognize her responsibilities and requirements as a leader of her school. I also recognize the responsibilities that I will take on as a parent of a cheerleader. I understand that, if selected, my daughter will be required to pay for summer cheerleader camp, uniforms, choreography, competitions, etc. by the aforementioned payment schedule.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

DAPHNE MIDDLE SCHOOL
2021-2022 CHEERLEADER TRYOUT APPLICATION

Please print the following information clearly.

Name _____ Current Grade _____

Parent/Guardian (s) _____

Physician & Telephone number _____

Emergency contact & Telephone number _____

Email will be used as a main source of communication. Please provide email addresses for all involved parties.

Email Address 1 _____ Relationship _____

Email Address 2 _____ Relationship _____

Email Address 3 _____ Relationship _____

We are committed to working with our other sports at DMS. Please give the following information:

List any **school** sport that you are currently playing.

List all school clubs to which you belong.

Cheer Experience (Competitive or School/Year):

Coach Use Only:

GPA: _____

Absences: EX _____ UNEX _____ Total _____ **Tardies:** EX _____ UNEX _____ Total _____

Discipline: _____

DRAGONFLY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<https://max.dragonflyathletics.com/maxweb/max-cover/login>

(Either Log-in or create a free account)

BEFORE your child can participate in clinic and tryouts, you MUST have completed dragonfly:

- Completed and in date physical uploaded in dragonfly before Friday, March 5, 2021.
- Birth Certificate Uploaded
- Update Medical and Demographical information
- Participation Agreement Form
- NFHS-Take a photo or upload to dragonfly. <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2>

All of this information needs to be complete before or on Friday, March 5, 2021 to participate in day one clinic.

“I’M A PARENT”

1. Visit www.dragonflymax.com, click “Do My Forms” and follow prompts to the sign-up page.
2. On the sign-up page, click “Sign Up for Free”.
3. Follow the prompts to create your Parent Account with your email address or phone number.
4. Enter your child’s School Code when prompted and confirm this is the correct school.
5. Click “Add A Child” in Dragonfly Max website, then follow the prompts to create your child’s profile and complete his/her participation forms, including uploading any necessary documents.
6. After completing your child’s forms, you can review his/her profile or add another child’s profile.

DMS WEBSITE <https://www.bcbe.org/Page/10162> to find all the forms that are needed to accompany this packet and to be uploaded to Dragonfly.

School Name: Daphne Middle School

School Code: RQPP2L