

# Boris Elementary School



## Pep, Cheer, and Spirit Program Handbook 2017-2018

# Boris Pep, Cheer, and Spirit Squad Guidelines 2017-2018

## Introduction

This handbook was prepared to help students and parents understand what will be expected of our Boris Elementary School Pep, Cheer, and Spirit Team members. We are looking forward to working with you this year and hope this will be a memorable elementary experience. We are available to assist you in any area of concern regarding the program. If you have questions, you may reach us by e-mail or by telephone at 327-3800.

## Philosophy

It is an honor and privilege to be a member of the Boris Elementary School Pep and Cheer Program. **Being a member requires a tremendous amount of dedication, time, and personal responsibility that other activities may not require.**

## Selection Process

Any student entering the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2017-2018 school year is eligible. The teams may consist of a pep squad, competition cheer team, and spirit team. All students trying out for any of these teams will be required to go through the application and try-out process. A teacher evaluation and signed permission slip will be required **prior** to try-out clinics.

## Purpose

The pep and cheer members are to provide positive leadership for the student body and community and are responsible for developing school spirit and pride at athletic events and student activities. The program will provide the members with an outlet for developing personal poise, physical strength, stamina, coordination, showmanship, and teamwork.

## Event Coverage

All of the team members will cheer and/or assist at various home games, special events, rallies, and other activities as deemed appropriate.

## Commitment and Objectives

- Follow all team handbook procedures
- Each student will have the opportunity to purchase his/her own uniform.
- Participate in fundraisers for the benefit of the program.
- All members will be asked to attend cheer camp to be held at Clovis East. The fees for this camp are approximately \$25.
- Each member is expected to attend athletic games and rallies as scheduled.
- **Each member is expected to attend scheduled practices during the year. Missing more than three unexcused practices will be grounds for suspension from the squad and no Block B points will be awarded for that semester.**

- All members will perform at the Elementary Football Carnival, one Clovis East High School football game, and the Clovis East Area Spirit Night.
- Each member is committed to the responsibilities of being a team member for the entire school year.
- Each member must uphold the Boris commitment to excellence by modeling Clovis Unified's Character Counts program.
- Parents or guardians must be committed to helping their child meet the responsibilities of being a team member.
- Members must wear full uniform EVERY Friday (unless told otherwise). If a team member is not in uniform, it will result in an after school detention. All team members must report to a designated coach for a uniform check on Friday mornings.

## Eligibility

- Student must remain in good academic standing maintaining a 2.5 GPA or C+ grade point average or better with no F grades.
- Good Citizenship - no N's on last report card, school suspensions, or office referrals.
- The student must maintain good school attendance.
- The student must attend and participate in all mandatory try-out clinics.

## Ineligibility

- Any student who fails to maintain a C+ average or who receives an F grade on a progress report or quarterly report card will be placed on probation until the next grading period. It is the team member's responsibility to bring their progress report to the coaches every six weeks.
- Any student whose citizenship is unsatisfactory will be deemed ineligible. All team members must be respectful, polite, and friendly to others as they represent Boris Elementary.

## Behavior

- As a team member, the choice has been made to be in the public eye. Team members are expected to behave in a respectable fashion and abide by the school rules at all times.
- Petty gossip, lack of cooperation, or disrespect from within the group is unacceptable.
- No gum chewing or eating is allowed during any of the team activities. Coaches will provide breaks for snacks.

## Attendance

- Attendance at team practices is required throughout the school year.
- The student must be present in school the day of a performance unless excused by the team coaches or administration.
- Unexcused tardies and absences may result in the loss of participation.

- The only excused absences are those due to illness or a medical appointment. In addition, the coaches should receive a copy of any note given to the classroom teacher/office to excuse an absence.
- A pass from an administrator or teacher is required to clear a tardy.
- Team members will be given an unexcused absence or tardy for any non-compliance with the above attendance policies.

## Competition Squads

The pep and cheer competition squads will represent Boris Elementary in one CUSD competition in February or March of 2018. We will hold competition practices from November through March. These may include Saturday or Wednesday practices. If your child misses more than 2 competition practices they will be removed from the competition team. Please let us know if these practices do not fit into your child's schedule and we will arrange for them not to be a part of the competition team.

## Uniform and Personal Appearance

Team uniforms must be worn on Fridays and for all events unless otherwise stated. During the winter royal blue or black sweats may be worn under the skirt, but not in place of the skirt (Spirit Squad members **may** wear royal blue or black sweats instead of their shorts).

<p>Complete Pep and Cheer uniform includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skirt</li> <li>• Liner/Shell</li> <li>• Bundies</li> <li>• Bow</li> </ul>	<p>Complete Spirit Squad uniform includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black shorts</li> <li>• Royal blue shirt</li> <li>• Bow</li> </ul>
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When wearing the uniform:

- Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail; short hair clipped back off the face.
- Cheer bow must be worn right above the ponytail.
- No jewelry of any kind may be worn.
- No makeup may be worn (other than clear lip gloss).

## Personal Commitment

Team members have earned the privilege of representing Boris Elementary School. This privilege is not to be taken lightly. There are many personal sacrifices that will need to be made if a student is going to have a successful year.

- Practice, games, and events come before other activities or social events.
- **Dance lessons, gymnastics, etc. must not interfere with team practices or activities.**
- **Extra practices will take place during competition season (November through March).**
- Team members are not to leave early from practices, games, or planned activities.

- Team coaches will work closely with athletic coaches to coordinate practice schedules so that team members may participate in athletics.
- Due to limited practices, pep and cheer practices must be a priority in scheduling athletic practices for school athletic teams.
- Transportation to and from "away" activities is the responsibility of the parents. Other arrangements must be made between the parents and coaches prior to the event.

## **Game Coverage**

- Home games - team members participating in a sport should be with their coach and team until their game is finished or the coach has given permission to leave. When dismissed by the athletic coach team members will change into their uniform and report to the team coaches. Members not participating in a sport should report to the coaches promptly upon dismissal from the classroom.
- Away games - team members are not responsible for cheering at away games unless otherwise noted.
- Team members must be in "ready" position at all games, rallies, and events and in the proper uniform.
- Coaches will give water/snack breaks to all team members during the events.

## **Student's Responsibility**

- It is the responsibility of each team member to attend any meetings and/or pick up any handouts from coaches.
- It is the responsibility of each team member to listen to any announcements and to keep up with team news.
- It is the responsibility of each team member to abide by the policies as stated in this handbook.

## **Parent's Responsibility**

- **To attend the mandatory parent information meeting.**
- To read this handbook and sign the contract.
- To clean and press the uniform prior to each scheduled event (for best results wash in cold water and line dry).
- To notify the coaches when necessary if a member will be absent or leaving an event early.
- To sign your child out of any event with the coaches. Team members will not be allowed to leave events with anyone who is not listed on their emergency contact information on file with the office.
- To contact the coaches if a medical problem or concern arises. Coaches should be aware of any conditions to ensure the safety of each child.
- To fulfill all financial responsibilities for your child.
- To support the coaches with discipline and attendance policies as stated in this handbook.

## **Pep and Cheer Uniform Options**

Members of the Pep and Cheer teams will have 2 options for their uniform this year.

**Option 1:** Cheerleaders will purchase a custom fitted uniform that will be yours to keep. Custom measurements will be taken at the time of the uniform fittings.

**Option 2:** Cheerleaders will be issued a school provided uniform. Parents will need to sign a borrowing agreement. Sizes will vary depending on availability and will not be custom fitted. The school uniform may NOT be altered in any way and will be checked in/out on a yearly basis.

**Spirit Team:** Spirit team members have different uniform options (different cost and sizing may apply).

## **Uniform Cost**

The total cost for the Pep and Cheer Team uniform is \$175.00. This includes the following: skirt, liner, shell, bow, and bundies.

**Shoes are not included in the price of uniforms. You may purchase your own white tennis shoes or purchase a pair the night of uniform fittings from our representative. The cost through our uniform representative is approximately \$50.00.**

Sincerely,

Beth Weaver and Nikki Carter, Pep and Cheer Coaches

Laurel Rosa, Spirit Team Coach

**Boris Elementary School**  
**Pep, Cheer, and Spirit Application**  
**2017-2018 School Year**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Preference:** please order in number of preference, if you do not want to be placed on a certain team please indicate your desire with a 'no'. These requests are not guaranteed.

Cheer Team \_\_\_\_\_ Pep Team \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit Squad \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Permission Statement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in grade \_\_\_\_\_, would like to be a member of the 2017-2018 Pep, Cheer, or Spirit Team. I will do my best to live up to the obligation of the position and represent my school to its high standards as established in the handbook. I have read the team handbook, discussed the agreement with my parents, and agree to the conditions and terms.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(student signature)

**Parent Permission Statement**

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to be a part of the Boris Pep and Cheer program for the 2017-2018 school year. I have read the team handbook, discussed the agreement with my child, and agree to the conditions and terms.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent signature)

**\*\*Please complete, sign, and return to coaches prior to try-out clinics.**