

**Argyle High School
Cheerleading
Merit and Demerit System**

MERITS

Merits are given for conduct above and beyond the expectations of a cheerleader. Demerits earned under the Attendance and Tardies, and Performance Behavior can be canceled out by acquiring **5 merits for every 1 demerit**. **Merits can not cancel demerits earned for Misconduct.**

- 3 A/B Honor roll or above each six weeks
- 3 Perfect attendance at school (all day, each class) for each six weeks
- 2 Perfect attendance at all practices and performances each six weeks
- 1-5 The sponsor may assign merits for special assignments, performances, and volunteering, etc.

DEMERITS

After 15 demerits have been received, a member is dismissed from the squad for the remainder of the school year. This member will not be eligible to try out the following year.

A. Attendance and Tardies

- 5 Unexcused absence from a performance or activity.
- 4 Unexcused absence from any practice.
- 3 Unexcused tardy to any practice, performance, or activity. (more than five minutes)
- 2 Detention for tardies in other classes.

B. Performance Behavior

- 2 Failure to wear the correct uniform or attire to a practice.
- 3 Failure to wear the correct uniform or attire to a performance or activity.
- 3 Lack of attention/participation during practice, performance, or activity (talking, laughing, and not standing at attention, etc.)
- 3 Not learning and/or knowing cheers, chants, or dances
- 3 Failure to return to the field/court on time after halftime
- 3 Chewing gum while leading cheers, eating or primping on sidelines (this includes practice)
- 3 Not following directions
- 3 Using cell phone during practice, performance, or activity.
- 3 Missing any part of the uniform (including shoes, poms, and megaphone) or wearing prohibited items (hair not up, no bow/wrong bow, wearing jewelry, colored nail polish, wrong bra or pantyhose etc.)

C. Misconduct

- 15 Any conduct resulting in an arrest by law officials.
- 15 Any disciplinary action resulting in assignment to the district's Alternative Education Program.
- 10 Any disciplinary action resulting in suspension from school.
- 10 Inappropriate media (phone pictures/videos, myspace, facebook, etc.)
- 10 Breaking the law. (MIP's, drinking alcohol or use of illegal drugs on or off school property, etc.)
- 5 Any disciplinary action that results in assignment to I.S.S. (In School Suspension)
- 5 Unlady like conduct at anytime (disrespect toward the sponsor, other cheerleader, or any other adult in a supervisory role). (In uniform or not) This includes inappropriate language.
- 3 Any offense that results in a detention (other than tardies)
- 3 Wearing uniform in public when not with the squad or sponsor without permission from sponsor.

As a cheerleader accumulates Demerits, the following will occur:

- 3 Demerits Written Warning from cheer Sponsor
- 5 Demerits Parent notification, Physical conditioning.
- 10 Demerits Parent meeting and Suspension (Length to be determined by administration and Sponsor) and Physical conditioning.
- 15 Demerits Parent meeting and Removal from the Cheer Squad.

Physical conditioning may also be assigned at anytime for any of the above. It can be individual or team conditioning.

