

**Jackson-Milton  
Cheerleading Tryout Packet  
2021-2022 Season**



**Packet Includes:**

**Tryout Information  
Cheerleader Rules & Regulations  
Student & Parent Agreement to the Rules & Regulations  
Team Agreement Form  
Teacher Evaluation Forms**

## TRYOUT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the 2021-2022 Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Squad.

The purpose of the Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Program is to promote school spirit and a positive school environment by participating at athletic events and extra-curricular activities as deemed appropriate by the Cheerleading Coach. As recognized school leaders, cheerleaders are expected to be positive role models at school and in the community. The information provided in this packet explains qualifications and responsibilities of Jackson-Milton cheerleaders.

### PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION IN THIS PACKET

Questions pertaining to this packet can be directed to the following:

**Grazia Accordino**- Cheer Advisor: [Grazia.Accordino@jmlocal.com](mailto:Grazia.Accordino@jmlocal.com)

### IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS TO NOTE

- Tryouts are for any JM students currently in grades 6-11.
- Cheerleading season is from May 2021 to March 2022. You are required to commit to this entire time frame.
- Student's Academic Grades must continue to meet the guidelines outlined in the Jackson-Milton Student Handbook and requirements by the MVAC.
- Practices, games, scheduled performances and/or competitions are **NOT** optional.
- **Parents: By signing the Agreement to the Rules and Regulations, you are agreeing to support and uphold these cheerleading regulations if your child is selected as a cheerleader.**

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

**To be eligible to tryout you MUST complete and submit the required documents in this packet at the start of tryout clinics on May 7th, 2021.** All packets received after this due date will not be accepted and candidate will be ineligible to attend clinics and tryouts.

#### Required Documents Checklist

- Teacher Evaluation Forms (to be returned by *Teacher*, not Student).
  - Cheerleading candidates are required to give the Teacher Evaluation Form to **TWO** of their core teachers to be filled out and returned to Cheerleading Mailbox.
  - Former Cheerleaders are required to give the Teacher Evaluation Form to **ONE** of their core teachers to be filled out and returned to the Cheerleading school mailbox. The second evaluation will be a Coach's evaluation given Coach Grazia Accordino.
- Student and Parent Agreement to Cheerleading Rules & Regulations.
- Varsity-Junior Varsity Team Agreement Form.

## **TRYOUT INFORMATION**

You are trying out to be a **regular season cheerleader**. You will be required to cheer both football and basketball season. You must make the regular season team to be eligible for one of our competition teams. Competition is optional. Information on competition tryouts will be released once summer practices have begun.

### **Clinic Dates**

<b>Clinic Day #1</b>	Friday, May 7th, 2021	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (HS Auxiliary gym)
<b>Clinic Day #2</b>	Saturday, May 8th, 2021	Noon – 3:00 PM (HS Auxiliary gym)
<b>Tryout Day</b>	Monday, May 10th, 2021	5:00PM (HS Auxiliary gym)

\*Clinics are **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Parents arriving to pick up their child must wait in the parking lot.

\*The day of tryouts will be **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** with **NO** exceptions. Anyone **NOT** trying out for Cheerleading will be asked to leave the building. Parents may wait in the parking lot for their child to finish.

## **SUMMER CAMP 2021**

Dates are TBD and typically held over a 3-day period in July.

Please get ALL vacation dates to Coach ASAP to avoid conflict (we will try to work around activities if we know about them in advance)

Camp will be held at CheerTime Athletics. Camp is mandatory unless otherwise discussed prior,

## **COSTS**

Most costs will be offset by fundraisers. We do a lot of fundraisers and we will do our absolute best to keep cost at a minimum. If a small cost were to incur, you will be given plenty of notice and time to make the payment.

## **CONDITIONS FOR MAKING THE VARSITY OR JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM**

1. Freshmen are only eligible to make the Junior Varsity Squad.
2. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are eligible to make either Junior Varsity or Varsity.
3. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to make the Junior High Squad (this is 1 squad that cheers collectively together)
4. Any cheerleader who quits during the season may not be admitted to tryout the following season. Tryout eligibility for the following season is under the discretion of the coach.

\* The Varsity squad will be required to cheer at home and away Varsity football games. The Junior Varsity squad will cheer at home Varsity and JV football games only. The Junior Varsity squad may potentially be required to cheer away Varsity football games as well.

\*Varsity will cheer home and away Varsity basketball games.

\*Junior Varsity will cheer home and away Junior Varsity basketball games.

\*\*\*At any point, Varsity may be asked to cheer at a JV basketball game depending on numbers & vice versa.

# **Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Rules and Regulations**

The Jackson-Milton High School cheerleading program is designed with the following tenets in mind:

1. A cheerleader's **first** responsibility is to her academic program. The educational process should not be compromised by cheerleading.
2. The primary function of a high school cheerleading program is to support interscholastic athletics.
3. A high school cheerleading squad has the responsibility to uphold, to reflect and to project the goals and ideals of their community.

Cheering at Jackson-Milton High School is received as an honor. A cheerleader is in a very influential position in their relationship with the student body. They are looked upon by parents and the public as an example of ALL Jackson Milton students. In such a capacity, highest standards must be met and maintained.

1. Attendance:
  - a. Cheerleaders are **required** to attend all practices, events, games, and fundraisers.
  - b. **Cheerleaders must attend at least half the school day the day of an event in order to cheer (applied to online).** This applies to activity taking place over the weekend (Half a day is required on Fridays).
  - c. The cheerleader **must report off** or tardy to the coach by 9am the morning of an event.
  - d. In case of absence, the cheerleader must inform the advisor 24hrs prior to the activity or an unexcused absence will be recorded. Excused absence is under the discretion of the coach.
  - e. Cheerleaders are to leave away games with provided transportation. The only exception will be if the cheerleader has written or verbal parental permission to leave with another adult. Written permission must be given to the advisor prior to departure of provided transportation.
  - f. Cheerleaders are to ride to games on provided transportation. The only exception will be if the cheerleader has written parental permission to do otherwise. Written consent must be given to the coach prior to departure. \*All change (to or from) of transportation must be approved by a coach.
2. Tardiness:
  - a. Cheerleaders must be on time to all practices, events, and games.
  - b. You must be at games according to the following timetable:  
Football: 45 minutes prior to game (unless advised otherwise)  
Basketball: 30 minutes prior to game (unless advised otherwise)
3. Behavior and Attitude:
  - a. Cheerleaders should observe school rules and regulations. A serious violation may result in disciplinary probation or dismissal from the squad.
  - b. Smoking and drinking are not permitted at school related functions or outside school related functions. If this occurs, the cheerleader will be dropped from the squad.
  - c. A cheerleader who is insubordinate to the cheerleading advisor may be placed on disciplinary probation or may be dropped from the squad.
4. Scholarship:
  - a. Cheerleaders must abide by all Jackson Milton High School and MVAC academic requirements.
  - b. If the academic average is not met, the cheerleader will be put on probation until grades improve.
  - c. If a cheerleader is placed on probation, the advisor will periodically check grades to determine whether she will cheer. If the standards are not met, the cheerleader will be dismissed from the squad.

5. Uniform:
  - a. Each cheerleader will be responsible for keeping their uniform neat and clean or they will be required to replace damaged pieces.
  - b. Uniforms are to be stored in a fragrance-free environment (smoke, perfume, etc.). If any piece(s) of the uniform is not turned in, in the same condition it was administered to the athlete, coaches have the right to request for it to be dry-cleaned at your expense.
  - c. Uniforms are not to be cut or altered without a coach's permission first.
  - d. Hair and makeup are to appear neat and attractive.
  - e. Jewelry is not permitted during practices, games, or events. NO exceptions!
6. Expense:
  - a. Fundraisers are used as a means to raise funds. EVERYONE will participate in fundraisers. Failure to do so will result in suspension from the squad until required minimum amount is turned in.
7. Demerit Offenses:
 

a. Failing to be on time, (includes practice, pep rallies, camps, games, special events, competitions, etc.)	1
b. Failure to return on time from half time break before the start of the second half.	1
c. Failure to have hair and makeup neat and attractive upon arrival to cheerleading functions.	1
d. Wearing jewelry.	1
e. Ungracious acceptance of a demerit	1
f. Unsportsmanlike conduct or foul language.	2
g. Unexcused absence from practice (notice given)	2
h. Excused absence from practice (no notice given)	2
i. Unexcused absence from practice (no notice given)	3
j. Unexcused absence from special cheerleading function (notice/no notice)	4/5
k. Not fully participating in a fundraiser (meeting minimum requirements)	3
m. Unexcused absence from a game or playoff game (notice/no notice)	4/5
n. Showing disrespect to coach, fellow cheerleaders, teachers, administrators.	5

With 5 demerits, the cheerleader will be suspended from 1 game. Attendance to the game is still mandatory and you must sit with the coach for the duration of the game. With 10 demerits, the cheerleader will be suspended from 2 games. Attendance to the games is still mandatory and you must sit with the coach for the durations of the games. With 15 demerits, the cheerleader will be removed from the team.

\*\*\*At any point in time/under extenuating circumstances, a cheerleader may be removed from the squad regardless of number of demerits earned.

If a cheerleader does not fulfill her obligation to the satisfaction of the advisor, she will be placed on probation or removed from the squad.

**If a cheerleader has outstanding fees, has not turned in all required cheerleading equipment, quits or is removed from the squad, she must immediately turn in all cheerleading uniforms/gear and will be ineligible to tryout for the following cheerleading season. Such a cheerleader will also not be permitted to advance to the next grade or graduate.**

## DETACH AND RETURN

### Athlete and Parent Agreement to Cheerleading Rules and Regulations

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Entering Fall 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Call Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*This form must be signed and brought to the first Clinic Date on May 7th, 2021.**

#### STUDENT SECTION

- I have read and understand the Jackson-Milton High School Rules and Regulations.
- I understand that all practices, games, and other cheer obligations are mandatory.
- I agree to attend the mandatory cheerleader/parent meeting.
- **I agree to abide by these regulations if I am selected as a cheerleader.**

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Student's Signature

Date

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

- I have read and understand the Jackson-Milton Middle/High School Cheerleading Rules and Regulations. I have discussed the requirements, responsibilities, and rules with my child.
- I understand that there may be minimal financial obligations that come with my child being a member of the Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Squad.
- I understand that as in all sports, there are physical risks involved in the sport of cheerleading.
- I agree to attend the mandatory parent/cheerleader meeting.
- **I agree to support and uphold these cheerleading regulations if my child is selected as a cheerleader.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**DETACH AND RETURN IN AN ENVELOPE THE FIRST DAY OF CLINICS**

## **Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Varsity/Junior Varsity Team Agreement Form**

The following agreement is for students trying out for Varsity/Junior Varsity Cheerleading positions.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that by signing this agreement, my decision is final.  
(please print first and last name)

- I will accept a Junior Varsity position.
- I will NOT accept a Junior Varsity position.
- I am a freshman and know I can only make the Junior Varsity squad.
- I am entering junior high as a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader and will accept a position on the junior high/middle school squad.

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Student Signature

Date

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Parent Signature

Date

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**Teacher Evaluation for Cheerleading Tryouts**

**PLEASE READ FIRST:** Please complete the following form as soon as possible, so that we will have time to tally prior to the tryout date. Teacher evaluations will be averaged together to count for a portion of each candidate's score. Only **CORE** teachers will participate in the evaluation process. It is especially important for you, the teacher, to give the student an honest rating based on your knowledge of that individual.

Please complete this form and return it in a sealed envelope to the cheerleading mailbox or scanned and emailed to Coach Grazia at [Grazia.Accordino@jmlocal.com](mailto:Grazia.Accordino@jmlocal.com), by Friday, May 7, 2021. It is particularly important that you rate the student according to how YOU feel the student does in YOUR class or classes. Please be realistic as well as fair. These evaluations will not be shared with the student. They will be confidential and tallied by the advisor.

Thank you for your time and cooperation Grazia Accordino (Head Coach) at [Grazia.Accordino@jmlocal.com](mailto:Grazia.Accordino@jmlocal.com)

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) Taught \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1 to 5, with **5 being the best**, please rate the student in each of the areas listed below:

Work Ethic:

1       2       3       4       5

Attitude:

1       2       3       4       5

Cooperation/ Willingness to Work with Others:

1       2       3       4       5

Attendance and Punctuality:

1       2       3       4       5

Responsibility:

1       2       3       4       5

Please provide any additional comments you feel the advisors should be aware of concerning this student:

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Signature of teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



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Signature of teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_