

DREW CHARTER JR. ACADEMY CHEERLEADING TRYOUT PACKET

2024-2025 CHEER SQUAD

Thank you for your interest in trying out for cheerleading at Drew Charter Jr. Academy. In this packet, you will find the following tryout information, an information sheet, and recommendation letters to be completed. Visit our website (drewjacheer.com) for the Constitution Statement of Permission and Agreement, the 2024 Rules for Cheerleading, and the Demerit System Sheet. **You will also need to complete and turn in All Forms - including the Physical Form completed by a doctor, Parent Permission and Consent Form, and Teacher Recommendation Request.**

All participants MUST be registered at Drew Charter School or have a parent who is currently employed by the Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education.

Please read and understand all the enclosed information before tryouts.

Cheerleading Tryout Dates:

- Mandatory Cheer Clinics will be held Tuesday, May 14 & May 15 promptly from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Practice Gym at Drew.
- Tryouts will be held on May 16 from 4:00 p.m. until.... in the Practice Gym at Drew. Each cheerleader will be given a number that they will be identified by throughout tryouts. On the 16th, we will conduct "rollout dismissals," in which parents will receive a text notification 15 minutes before their participant is ready for pick up.
- ALL paperwork must be completed and turned in before your child can enter/participate in the clinic.
- Try-Outs are closed to parents.

All paperwork (pages 3-10 including physical form) is due by noon, May 14th, 2024

**** Physicals need to be current and filled out by a doctor's office.**

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the 2024-2025 cheer season, a student must:

- Currently passing 5 of 6 classes for rising 7th and 8th graders.
- **Rising 6th graders must be promoted to 6th grade at Drew Charter Jr. Academy (also a copy of your 4.5 weeks progress report for 4th 9 weeks! Please attach with this packet)**

Attached is a list with all the needed information to ensure your tryout packet is 100% complete.

Selection of the cheerleaders will be based on the following:

- Execution of a cheer and dance, which will be taught during the tryout clinic.
- Jumps (including a single toe touch as well as an optional jump selected by participant)
- Athleticism and physical fitness.
- Scholastic achievement and eligibility, which will be determined, based on Teacher Recommendations.
- Conduct, Attitude, initiative, teamwork, leadership, work ethic, enthusiasm, and coach ability.

What do you wear to tryouts?

- During clinic days and on official try-out days, you will need to wear black cheer shorts and a solid white t- shirt. Dress as you would dress for cheerleading practice including athletic shoes and sports bras and bows are suggested. No basketball shorts or pajamas. No **denim shorts**, jewelry, or artificial nails. Your hair should also be pulled back.
- Please do not wear any previous cheerleading or dance attire during tryout week, including previous all-star teams.

Additional Information Regarding Tryouts:

- Coaches will observe skills at the tryout clinics as well as the official tryout day.
 - 2 cheers
 - Jumps
 - Dance
 - Tumbling (if applicable)
- Results will be posted on Drew Charter Jr. Academy's cheer website Friday morning following tryouts.

Financial Responsibility:

- Understand that Cheerleading can be an expensive sport. Payments must be made on time.
- It is our goal to be transparent as well as responsible when it comes to the finances of the cheer organization. Please understand that neither the Cheer Club nor other parents will be funding your fee commitment. Monthly Financial Reports are disbursed and discussed at each parent meeting.

Other Responsibilities:

- There will be multiple practices as well as camp/choreography dates throughout the summer which are required. It is extremely important that ALL members of the teams be present at practices to have a place in the routine. If one girl isn't there, this lets the whole team down and forms obstacles in completing the routines.

Information Sheet

Please complete the following information. Please write LEGIBLY.

Student Name: _____

Grade Level for 2024-25 School Year: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mother's Work Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Father's Work Phone: _____ Father's Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Emergency Phone: _____ Emergency Cell Phone: _____

Allergies/Health Problems/ Medications (Please describe in detail):

Were you involved in any behavior infractions (ISS or OSS) during the 2023-2024 year? If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper. Circle one: Yes or No

DCJA PARENT PERMISSION AND CONSENT FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Printed Name of Parent/Parents/Guardian): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade level: _____ or upcoming year: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (Cell): _____

WARNING: Although participation in supervised inter-scholastic athletics and intra-scholastic athletic clubs may be one of the least hazardous in which students will engage in or out of , by its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes a risk or injury which may range in severity from minor to long term catastrophic, including permanent paralysis from the neck down or death. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised athletic programs or athletic clubs, it is possible only to minimize, not eliminate this risk. Participants can and have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. Participants must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their equipment daily.

I, as parent/guardian of the above mentioned cheerleading candidate, have read and fully understand the rules and regulations, which will govern my child during participation in tryouts, and if chosen to represent the DCJA as a cheerleader, during the upcoming seasons/ year. I also understand that this is an extra-curricular activity and that attendance at ALL PRACTICES, GAMES, PERFORMANCES, CAMPS, and FUNDRAISERS are requirements of the elected cheerleaders. I also understand that if my child is chosen as a part of a DCJA cheerleading squad and is later dismissed from the squad for any reason, I will receive **no financial restitution**. I give permission to display photos/videos taken throughout the season on the SPSCC, Inc., website, and any other display of which the coaches approve. I hereby give my consent to the above mentioned student to participate in cheerleading tryouts, and if chosen, to participate as a member of a DCJA cheerleading squad for the 2024-2025 cheerleading season. By signing this permission form, you acknowledge that you have read and understand this warning.

PARENTS OR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO ACCEPT THE RISKS DESCRIBED IN THIS WARNING SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS PERMISSION FORM.

I (We) _____ hereby give consent for to: _____
(print parent(s) name) (print student-athlete name)

(1)participate in Cheerleading as part of the Drew Charter Jr. Academy Cheerleading Program
(2)and, I (We) hereby verify that the information on this form is correct and understand that any false information may result in my son/daughter being declared ineligible.

This acknowledgement of risk and consent to allow participation shall remain in effect until revoked in writing.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETE: _____ DATE: _____

Constitution Statement of Permission and Agreement

If you make the cheerleading squad, realize that you are making a commitment to Drew Charter JA Cheer, your coaches, your teammates, and yourself for the **complete season (full year)**. The decision to try out should not be taken lightly. You will be expected to put cheerleading as one of your top priorities. Furthermore, as a representative of DCJA, you must **maintain proper behavior** at *all times*. You must follow the cheerleading guidelines set forth in the Cheerleading Constitution located on the website (drewjacheer.com). Students who break the rules will be disciplined as outlined by the Demerit System. These activities will not only channel your enthusiasm and spirit in a constructive and beneficial manner, but will give you a sense of pride and accomplishment in being a part of a group that has earned respect and maintains a winning reputation.

Student Agreement

I, _____, have read and understand the Cheerleading
(print name)

Constitution and Demerit System. I agree to abide by the policies described if I am chosen as a member of the squad. I am agreeing to the information in the packet and understand that failure to adhere to these rules policies could result in dismissal from the squad.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I (We), _____, the parent or legal guardian of, _____
(print name) (print student-athlete name)

have read and understand the Cheerleading Constitution and Demerit System. I agree to abide by the policies described if my child is chosen as a member of the squad. I also agree to the financial obligations as they are described in the information provided. I understand that failure by me or my child to adhere to these policies could result in dismissal from the squad.

Parent Signature:

Date:

**Teacher Evaluation for DCJA Cheer Squad 2024-2025
Cheerleading Tryouts
(5 recommendations are required from academic
[Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA] teachers ONLY)**

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 those teachers who taught the candidate in the 23-24 school year will participate in the evaluation process. Therefore, it is very important to give the student an honest rating based on your knowledge of that individual student.

Please complete this form and return with your packet by May 14, 2024 at noon. It is very important that you rate this 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 coaches.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at mallory.young@drewcharterschools.org & bryelle.partridge@drewcharterschools.org

Sincerely,

Coach Young, Head JA Cheer Coach

Name of Applicant _____

Did this student ever need to be disciplined by you, and if so, what was the offense?

On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the applicant in each of these areas listed below: (Highlight or circle for each)

Not so great					Awesome	
1	2	3	4	5	Ability to get along and work well with others	
1	2	3	4	5	Overall Positive Attitude	
1	2	3	4	5	Cooperation- shows a desire to learn and improve	
1	2	3	4	5	Punctual to class and completes assignments on time	
1	2	3	4	5	Reliable & Dependability	
1	2	3	4	5	Refrains for Gossip & Drama	
1	2	3	4	5	Shows Leadership Qualities	

Signature of teacher _____ Date _____

**Teacher Evaluation for DCJA Cheer Squad 2024-2025
Cheerleading Tryouts
(4 recommendations are required from academic
[Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA] teachers ONLY)**

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 those teachers who taught the candidate in the 23-24 school year will participate in the evaluation process. Therefore, it is very important to give the student an honest rating based on your knowledge of that individual student.

Please complete this form and return with your packet by May 14, 2024 at noon. It is very important that you rate this 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 coaches.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at mallory.young@drewcharterschools.org & bryelle.partridge@drewcharterschools.org

Sincerely,

Coach Young, Head JA Cheer Coach

Name of Applicant _____

Did this student ever need to be disciplined by you, and if so, what was the offense?

On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the applicant in each of these areas listed below: (Highlight or circle for each)

Not so great					Awesome	
1	2	3	4	5	Ability to get along and work well with others	
1	2	3	4	5	Overall Positive Attitude	
1	2	3	4	5	Cooperation- shows a desire to learn and improve	
1	2	3	4	5	Punctual to class and completes assignments on time	
1	2	3	4	5	Reliable & Dependability	
1	2	3	4	5	Refrains for Gossip & Drama	
1	2	3	4	5	Shows Leadership Qualities	

Signature of teacher _____ Date _____

**Teacher Evaluation for DCJA Cheer Squad 2024-2025
Cheerleading Tryouts
(4 recommendations are required from academic
[Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA] teachers ONLY)**

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 those teachers who taught the candidate in the 23-24 school year will participate in the evaluation process. Therefore, it is very important to give the student an honest rating based on your knowledge of that individual student.

Please complete this form and return with your packet by May 14, 2024 at noon. It is very important that you rate this 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 coaches.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at mallory.young@drewcharterschools.org & bryelle.partridge@drewcharterschools.org

Sincerely,

Coach Young, Head JA Cheer Coach

Name of Applicant _____

Did this student ever need to be disciplined by you, and if so, what was the offense?

On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the applicant in each of these areas listed below: (Highlight or circle for each)

Not so great					Awesome	
1	2	3	4	5	Ability to get along and work well with others	
1	2	3	4	5	Overall Positive Attitude	
1	2	3	4	5	Cooperation- shows a desire to learn and improve	
1	2	3	4	5	Punctual to class and completes assignments on time	
1	2	3	4	5	Reliable & Dependability	
1	2	3	4	5	Refrains for Gossip & Drama	
1	2	3	4	5	Shows Leadership Qualities	

Signature of teacher _____ Date _____

**Teacher Evaluation for DCJA Cheer Squad 2024-2025
Cheerleading Tryouts
(4 recommendations are required from academic
[Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA] teachers ONLY)**

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 those teachers who taught the candidate in the 23-24 school year will participate in the evaluation process. Therefore, it is very important to give the student an honest rating based on your knowledge of that individual student.

Please complete this form and return with your packet by May 14, 2024 at noon. It is very important that you rate this 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 coaches.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at mallory.young@drewcharterschools.org & bryelle.partridge@drewcharterschools.org

Sincerely,

Coach Young, Head JA Cheer Coach

Name of Applicant _____

Did this student ever need to be disciplined by you, and if so, what was the offense?

On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the applicant in each of these areas listed below: (Highlight or circle for each)

Not so great					Awesome	
1	2	3	4	5	Ability to get along and work well with others	
1	2	3	4	5	Overall Positive Attitude	
1	2	3	4	5	Cooperation- shows a desire to learn and improve	
1	2	3	4	5	Punctual to class and completes assignments on time	
1	2	3	4	5	Reliable & Dependability	
1	2	3	4	5	Refrains for Gossip & Drama	
1	2	3	4	5	Shows Leadership Qualities	

Signature of teacher _____ Date _____

**Teacher Evaluation for DCJA Cheer Squad 2024-2025
Cheerleading Tryouts
(4 recommendations are required from academic
[Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA] teachers ONLY)**

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 those teachers who taught the candidate in the 23-24 school year will participate in the evaluation process. Therefore, it is very important to give the student an honest rating based on your knowledge of that individual student.

Please complete this form and return with your packet by May 14, 2024 at noon. It is very important that you rate this 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 coaches.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at mallory.young@drewcharterschools.org & bryelle.partridge@drewcharterschools.org

Sincerely,

Coach Young, Head JA Cheer Coach

Name of Applicant _____

Did this student ever need to be disciplined by you, and if so, what was the offense?

On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the applicant in each of these areas listed below: (Highlight or circle for each)

Not so great					Awesome	
1	2	3	4	5	Ability to get along and work well with others	
1	2	3	4	5	Overall Positive Attitude	
1	2	3	4	5	Cooperation- shows a desire to learn and improve	
1	2	3	4	5	Punctual to class and completes assignments on time	
1	2	3	4	5	Reliable & Dependability	
1	2	3	4	5	Refrains for Gossip & Drama	
1	2	3	4	5	Shows Leadership Qualities	

Teacher’s Name _____ Date _____