



Drill Team and Cheerleading Code of Conduct

Prosper ISD Fine Arts



PISD Drill Team Directors/Cheer Coaches/Admin

High School Coaches/Directors

Walnut Grove Silver Elite Director - Kirsten Sosa
Walnut Grove Silver Elite Assistant Director - Taylor Levine
Walnut Grove Cheer/PISD HS Cheer Lead - Destine Grobe
Walnut Grove Cheer Assistants - Emily Allen & Ryan Long
Rock Hill Rockettes Director/PISD HS Dance Team Lead - Mallory Miner-Selby
Rock Hill Rockettes Assistant Director - Mora Williams
Rock Hill Cheer - Trey Beaty
Rock Hill Cheer Assistants - Sarah Gerritsen and Danielle Shirley
Prosper Talonettes Director - Ashley Sharp
Prosper Talonettes Assistant Director - Colleen Hunt
Prosper Cheer - Britnee Senner
Prosper Cheer Assistants - Chrissy Jackson and Kirsten Crawford
Richland Revels Director - Sydne Estel
Richland Revels Assistant Director - Tori Buschow
Richland Cheer - Michael Wright
Richland Cheer Assistants - Johanna Hogan

High School Assistant Principals

Walnut Grove HS Dance and Cheer - Lara Mercer
Rock Hill HS Dance and Cheer- Yatishe Milner
Prosper HS Cheer - Elizabeth DeMerse
Prosper HS Talonettes - Elizabeth Pirovano
Richland HS Cheer - Jacqueline Wilson
Richland HS Revels - Kelvin Newsome

High School Principals

Walnut Grove HS - Dustin Toth
Rock Hill HS - Terry Mouton
Prosper HS - Paige Trujillo
Richland HS - Lute Croy



PISD Drill Team Directors/Cheer Coaches/Admin

Middle School Coaches/Directors

Hays MS Cheer - Jenna Stewart
Hays MS Sapphires - Madison Garris
Jones MS Cheer- Brandi McSwain and Westyn White
Jones MS Drill- Christina Botts
Reynolds MS Cheer - Jennifer Fincher
Reynolds MS Eagle Darlings - Alex Shepherd
Reynolds MS Eagle Darlings Assistant - Brianna Mendoza
Rogers MS Cheer - Laura Fannin
Rogers MS Silver Stars - Amber Hallowell
Rogers MS Silver Stars Assistant - Hailey Borek
Rushing MS Cheer - Michelle Logan
Rushing MS Royals/PISD MS Dance Team Lead - Riley Eidson
Moseley MS Cheer - Taylor Disbrow
Moseley MS Dance - Amanda Skokan

Middle School Principals

Hays MS - Katie Brittain
Jones MS- Zach DeVito
Moseley MS - Kari Roan
Reynolds MS - Jessica Mullins
Rogers MS - Jason Jetton
Rushing MS - Jeff McDonnell



Code of Conduct

MS and HS Drill Team and Cheerleading

Purpose and Vision

Prosper ISD cheerleaders, mascots, and drill team members are leaders chosen to represent the campus, district and community in the promotion of team spirit, development of strong character and sportsmanship, and reinforcement of respect and positive relations within our community. The young men and women involved in these extracurricular activities consistently demonstrate tenacity, teamwork, and commitment. In addition, they continually develop responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, service, self-discipline and self-confidence. As leaders, students are encouraged to achieve personal goals regarding their athletic abilities and their social and emotional development.

Philosophy of Participation and Jurisdiction

The term “extracurricular activity” means, without limitation, all cheerleading, mascot, drill team performances and contests or community events in which the district is represented. Participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for conduct. While students are members of their Drill Team and Cheer program/team, they represent themselves, their student body, and the school district whether in or out of uniform, both during and outside of the school day.

Since participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Prosper ISD has accordingly set higher standards for these participants than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, the Drill Team and Cheer Code of Conduct extends beyond the Prosper ISD Student Code of Conduct, not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. Although each alleged violation will be carefully considered, participants should be aware that this Drill Team and Cheer Code of Conduct may be enforced for all students grades 7-12 participating in Cheerleading/Mascot and Drill Team organizations regardless of:

- whether school is in session;
- whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event;
- whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- whether the drill team and cheer activities in-season; and
- where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the Prosper ISD Student Code of Conduct may incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator **and** from his or her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participant in drill team and cheer activities could violate the Drill Team and Cheer Code of Conduct and be subject to discipline by a coach, director, or sponsor without having



violated the Prosper ISD Student Code of Conduct.

Attendance/Conflicts

The website serves as the official calendar. A year-at-a-glance as well as weekly updated week-at-a-glance will help to organize calendars; however, the website should be checked often for the most up to date calendar events.

All camps, practices, football games, and competitions are mandatory. Being prepared, in place, on time with the right attitude is the number one job and will make or break our success as a team.

“Demonstrates Well Rounded Characteristics” is included in the graduate profile for PISD and is something that the Fine Arts staff believes in and is proud to help cultivate; therefore, we will work with members on finding ways to accommodate *if and when possible*. Please work with us on a case by case basis and communicate early and be sure to follow up. Please reference the team website for an absence request form for each absence. Note: These should be filled out by parents or guardians. Our intention is to find ways for our students to stay involved in all of the activities they are involved in, but we must do this in an equitable and fair way for all of the many students involved.

In order for an absence to be considered approved, it must be cleared by the director/coach PRIOR to that event, unless there are extenuating circumstances such as a death in the family. In addition to the absence request form, written and signed notices MUST be provided upon the student’s return in order for them to be excused.

- Excused: Illness with a note excusable by Prosper ISD standards, death in the family, religious holidays, University Interscholastic League (UIL) game/match/performance (game/match/performance only, *not practice*), or school related meetings (with director/coach approval) are considered excused. Absences related to UIL game conflicts, UIL game/match/performance, and school meetings must be brought to the director’s/coach’s attention 5 days prior to said absence.
- Unexcused: Non-school activities and organizations, such as scouts, appointments, vacations, birthdays, family trips, club sports, church camps, work or other non-PISD affiliated groups.

Conduct Expectations

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations may result in disciplinary action by the coach, sponsor, or director.

1. Student commitment to a team or organization is expected for the entirety of the season. Student commitment begins the moment the student auditions and is selected for the team and lasts through the end of auditions for the following year.
2. Students may not quit one program in order to participate in another program or sport while the activity they have quit is still active without coach/director approval.
3. Organization members are expected to behave in a manner that is becoming of the individual as well as to the organization they represent. They should be aware that in or out of uniform they are representatives of the organization and the campus they attend and should act accordingly in maintaining a higher standard of conduct. Organization members will abide by school codes of conduct both in and out of uniform, both at and away from school.
4. During performances, game days, and special events, organization members will stay with the team at



all times unless given direct permission by the coach/director.

5. Participants may not actively stunt or tumble without having the coach/directors/sponsors present.
6. Organization members will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. This includes behavior toward visiting or hosting teams as well as the opponent's fans.
7. Organization members will be courteous and respectful to their teammates, sponsors, teachers, classmates and all school/district administrators at all times.
8. Organization members will refrain from public displays of affection while in or out of uniform.
9. Team members are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior on social media per the Social Media Contract. Certain social media activity may fall under the purview of Prosper ISD and disciplinary consequences may be assigned for any questionable conduct.
10. Students should arrive on time to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and prepared, and are required to stay for the duration of the event.
11. Students should follow the rules promulgated by the Prosper ISD Student of Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach/director and/or campus administration.

Grades/Eligibility

In order to be eligible by TEA, UIL and PISD standards, students must be passing classes* at the end of the first 6 weeks and again three weeks later at the official end of the 1st Nine Week Grading Cycle. Students officially lose their eligibility if their grade is lower than a 70, one week after the end of the 6 or 9 week mark. Students that lose eligibility after the first 6 weeks CAN regain eligibility at the end of the 9 weeks assuming they are passing ALL* of their classes. There is a one week grace period that goes into effect at the end of these cycles for both gaining/losing eligibility.

Uniform/Equipment

- High School Drill Team and Cheerleading uniforms will be supplied by the Prosper ISD and/or parent organization.
- If a student is dismissed from the team or quits, all school equipment and uniforms must be returned.
- Drill team and cheerleading members are responsible for purchasing practice attire and other necessary clothing and accessories, as required and all personal items must be labeled with the member's name.
- Practice wear and uniforms are to be kept clean and in good condition. If any items are damaged or lost, the student will be responsible for replacement.
- All designated uniforms, jackets, etc. are to be worn by the assigned student only.
- The uniform is only to be worn to school-sponsored events.
- Hair will be worn as specified by the director/coach.
- No jewelry will be worn to practices or performances.
- Only nude colors or french tip nail polish may be worn in uniform or while performing.

Travel

Students are required to ride to and from all activities in the district provided transportation.



Parental Responsibility

- Parents must be willing to meet all financial obligations and time commitments involved in having their child as a drill team or cheer member. All payments are final and non-refundable.
- Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from all activities, practices, except when transportation is provided by the school district.
- At least one parent of each drill team or cheer member is encouraged to attend the Booster Club meetings held throughout the year.
- Parents should be supportive of their child and of the drill team or cheer organization.
- If a parent has a question or concern about the drill team or cheer organization, the parent should contact the director first. If the director can not answer the question or concern, then the assistant principal over drill team or cheer program will step in and help.

Discipline System

Level 1 Consequence

- One Performance Benching (5 demerits)
 - A performance benching is a period designated in which the member continues to uphold all responsibilities of being a drill team member or cheerleader, but may not participate in the performance. The member continues to attend and participate at all rehearsals and attends all performances and social activities in uniform.
 - Failure to meet the expectations outlined in PISD Student Code of Conduct, PISD Fine Arts Extracurricular Code of Conduct, and/or any campus handbook may result in probation.

Level 2 Consequence

- Probation (10 demerits)
 - Probation eliminates the member from participation in performances and special events. The member may not attend drill team or cheerleading social activities. The member will travel and sit with the drill team or cheer team at performance events or public activities, but is not allowed to wear any part of the uniform to school or activities during the period of probation. The member will continue to attend and participate in the drill team or cheer class and all rehearsals. The member must continue to participate in all fundraisers.
 - A probationary contract will be written for the member with the length of probation to be decided upon by the director/coach. The member, parent, and director/coach will be given a copy of the probation contract.
 - Failure to adhere to the terms of the probation contract may result in additional consequences, up to and including dismissal of the drill team member or cheerleader from the team.

Level 3 Consequence

- Up to and including dismissal from the team (15+ demerits)
 - Dismissal involves a loss of membership from the organization. All school equipment and uniforms must be returned and all financial obligations must be cleared within one week of dismissal. Once a member has been dismissed, they lose all privileges of the organization.
 - A drill team or cheerleading member who has been dismissed will not be eligible to participate



- in the next year's tryout without approval from the director/coach and principal.
- In all cases of dismissal, the director/coach will confer with the principal of the school.

The Disciplinary Appeal Process

- The Appeal Process is the order a parent/guardian or drill team member/cheerleader should follow concerning the appeal of a disciplinary decision:
 - Reference to the code of conduct rules
 - Conference with the director/coach
 - Conference with the Assistant Principal
 - Conference with the Principal or the Principal's designee
- The decision of the campus principal is final and is not subject to the district appeals process unless the concern is related to district wide policy, guideline or procedure.

This guide to our discipline system is not meant to be inclusive of every, or exclusive of any, situation. The guide may be adapted during the year by the coaches/directors/administration as needed. If a coach/director deems an offense severe enough, a student may be placed directly on a behavior contract or removed from the squad at the sole discretion of the coach.