

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE**

Being a cheerleader is an honor and special privilege. Cheerleaders and spirit groups exist to promote good sportsmanship, good citizenship, and wholesome and enthusiastic school spirit. They are first and foremost representatives of their school. Cheerleaders should exemplify both individual and group behavior suitable to their position and in accordance with the rules as stated in the HCPS Student Code of Conduct. Members of these groups have a fundamental responsibility to play a leadership role in building teamwork and helping the school achieve its goals and objectives. Because of these responsibilities, members of the cheerleading squad will be expected to maintain a higher standard of behavior both on and off campus and academic achievement than that of their peers. Cheerleaders are expected to be physically and mentally skilled in learning and remembering cheers. They are also expected to be able to publicly demonstrate a skill level suitable for the team position and the timing necessary for group performance. Off the field, they are to enthusiastically support all athletic teams through advertisement, personal attitude, and attendance at events chosen by the coach and approved by the athletic director.

## **DEFINITION, ELIGIBILITY, ACADEMIC GRADES AND COMMITMENT**

**DEFINITION:** Cheerleading year: The rules and procedures outlined in the constitution are in effect from the time the student is selected to the cheerleading squad until the next tryout date (typically May to May). This does not include the academic guidelines. The academic policies are in effect for a school year. The HCPS Code of Conduct will be enforced for the duration of the Cheerleading year (May to May).

**ELIGIBILITY-TRYOUT:** The candidate must be enrolled at East Henderson High School at time of tryouts. A cheerleader candidate must support the East Henderson High School Cheerleading Squads above all other teams. A current physical must be on file before the student is able to participate in any athletic activity. A candidate must be neatly presented, medically fit, and provide parental permission, without regard to age. A candidate may be male or female. Acceptance of a candidate shall be on the basis of ability, the coaches' agreement, acceptance of the squad rules, and without prejudice of race creed or color.

**ACADEMIC GRADES:** To be eligible for tryouts, students must have passed three out of four subjects the preceding semester in order to participate.