



2026-2027 GENERAL CHEER & POM INFORMATION

Who can participate?

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders can participate in either cheer or pom. You may NOT do both in a single season but can do one in the fall and the other in the winter.

What is needed to participate?

All participants must complete the following:

1. A completed Sports Physical Form dated after April 15, 2026. Please turn into the school office.
2. A completed Code of Conduct. These must be turned into your coach on the first day of practice, or sent via email to mwissel@greatermidland.org

Both forms can be found at <https://www.greatermidland.org/msa/>

Fees/Costs/Registration Dates:

Fall Season- \$135

Registration begins: 8/3/26

Winter Season- \$275

Registration begins: 10/1/26

- Fees can be paid online at <https://www.greatermidland.org/msa/>
 - Please double click on the sport photo at the bottom of the page to start the registration process
 - Search for activity number 17070
 - Select the appropriate option based on school and sport

- Payment can be made at the Greater Midland Community Center in person, or over the phone.

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Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches through Midland Public Schools will be granted a scholarship. To apply for a scholarship, please fill out the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Family Application and check the box allowing our food service department to share your application with the school officials. Completed applications should be sent to your child's school or the MPS Food & Nutrition Office at 600 E. Carpenter St. Midland, 48640. Paper applications may also be filled out and sent to the main office of your student's school.

<https://midland.familyportal.cloud/benefits/onlyapplying>

- Students are REQUIRED to register for each sport in which they participate.
- Students who qualify for reduced lunch rates will pay \$50 per activity.
- Students who qualify for free lunch rates will pay \$30 per activity.

If you are paying free/reduced fees you must contact Madelyn Wissel to override the fee BEFORE PAYING.

EQUIPMENT

Athletic equipment/uniforms belong to the GMCC. Student athletes will be held accountable for any uniform or equipment issued to them.

Responsibility includes timely return on the scheduled uniform return day. Athletes will be notified of the turn in date by either the head coach or program manager.

Any athlete who does not return their uniform/equipment will be charged for the uniform/equipment and will be INELIGIBLE to participate in ANY future MSA activities- including the next seasonal sport. The athlete will remain ineligible until arrangements are made to return the items.

It is NOT permitted to wear uniforms outside of a scheduled game or event, without permission.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation is NOT provided for Middle School Athletics.

SEASON SCHEDULES:

FALL Cheer & Pom:

- Start Date: First Week of School
- Coach or Program Manager will send out practice schedules via email at least one week prior to the 1st day of school
- Practices will be held two-three times weekly for 1.5-2 hours in duration
- Both Cheer and Pom teams will attend HOME football games (Wednesday evenings starting at 4:30pm)
- Season End Date: Last football game (mid-October)

WINTER Cheer & Pom: **Registration will begin on 10/1/26**

- Competitive Season:
 - Pom: Tryouts will take place the final week of October
 - Cheer: Start Date determined by MHSAA (usually 2nd Monday of November)
 - Competitions take place in the months of January & February
 - Competitions are usually within 30 miles of Midland (exception- The POM State Competition is held in Ypsilanti)
 - Practices will be held 3-4 times weekly for 2-2.5 hours in duration (occasional Saturday AM practices will be required)
- Basketball Season:
 - Pom (non-competitive team members): Practices will begin after winter break (first week in January)
 - Cheer (non-competitive team members): Practices will begin after winter break (first week in January)
 - Competitive team members will start practices early February
 - Basketball games are played in the months of January, February, & March (Mon/Wed evenings starting at 4:30pm)
 - Cheer and Pom will only attend HOME games
 - Game performances will be selected by coaching staff and will be provided mid-January

ADMISSION/FEES:

ALL spectators will be required to purchase tickets at the gate for both Football and Basketball games. ALL competitions will have spectator fees as well (ranging from \$5-\$20).

- Adults- \$4 Children under 6- free
- Students & Seniors- \$2

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES:

Both Cheer and Pom will have additional items needed for purchase. These items can be reused from season to season if they are in acceptable condition. **Highlighted items will be returned at the end of EACH SEASON.**

Items provided by GMCC:

- **Cheer:**
 - Skirt & Shell
 - Poms to be used at football games (will not be taken home)
 - Bow
- **Pom:**
 - Long Sleeve Performance Top
 - Practice poms (will not be taken home unless granted permission)
 - Bow
 - Performance poms

Items NOT provided by GMCC but required to participate:

- **Cheer:**
 - All WHITE cheer shoes. Can be any brand and white no-show socks
 - Long sleeve liner/leotard to be worn underneath shell (can choose either cropped or full length)
 - (Jefferson- Black) (Northeast- White)
 - Example (cropped): <https://www.omnicheer.com/products/chasse-mock-neck-cropped-liner-br400u>
 - Example (full length): <https://www.cheerleading.com/poly-spandex-blend-mock-turtleneck-bodysuit.html>
 - Black briefs/spandex to be worn underneath skirt
 - Example: <https://www.omnicheer.com/products/chasse-boy-cut-brief-2-0-br200u>
- **Pom:**
 - All BLACK tennis shoes. Can be any brand. Please ensure the soles are also solid black and black crew/knee socks.
 - Black tank top/leotard to be worn underneath top and tucked into pants.
 - Black jazz pants (or flared leggings)
 - Example:
https://www.dancewearsolutions.com/bottoms/leggings_and_pants/MT10304.aspx?position=0