



Franklin County Middle School

2026-27 Jr. High Cheerleading

Tryout Information Packet

**Who can try out:** Any current FCCSC 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grader. All skill levels welcome!

**Location:** Franklin County Middle School Gym

**Mandatory Tryouts:**

- **Day 1 - Tryout practice: Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00pm-6:00pm**
- **Day 2- Tryout practice: Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm-6:00pm**
- **Day 3- Official tryouts: Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am** (Tryouts may end earlier or run later if needed.)

\*\*\*Please arrive earlier on all three days to allow time for check-in.

**Attire:**

**\* Tryout Practice Days:**

- Athletic clothing (i.e. gym shorts/leggings and a tee)- NO jeans.
- Tennis shoes or cheer shoes must be worn.
- Hair should be pulled up/out of the face.
- Bring a water bottle/drink.

**\*\* Official Tryout Day:**

- Dark colored gym shorts and a white/light colored tee shirt (no large or bold print).
- **NO** jewelry (no large earrings- small posts are fine, no wrist/ankle bracelets, rings or necklaces).
- No loud colored nail polish.
- Hair bows can be worn if desired but are NOT a necessity.
- **Hair should be pulled up and away from the face** so we can see your smile.
- Bring a water bottle/drink.

**\*Only judges, the coach, and candidates are allowed in the gym during tryouts.**

**\* Attendance at both tryout practice days is required in order to participate in tryouts on April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Results will be posted after tryouts conclude on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**



## SELECTION PROCESS

Tryouts will take place over three days.

- On the two practice days candidates will learn:
  - One sideline cheer
  - One floor cheer
- On the official tryout day candidates will:
  - Draw a number at check-in to determine tryout order.
  - Perform in small groups in front of the judges.

**During tryouts scores will be based on the following criteria:**

1. Spirit
  - Entrance and exit from the floor
  - Enthusiasm, spirit, attitude
  - Voice projection
  - Sharp, correct motions.
2. Toe Touch
3. Tryout Material:
  - One sideline cheer
  - One floor cheer

\*Candidates must be able to call out each cheer and know the materials.

4. Academics: Candidates' GPA and academic attendance will be considered. All candidates must be academically eligible and have good academic attendance.

If a candidate is a return cheerleader from the previous season, their practice and game attendance, attitude and willingness to learn all previous materials will be factored into their final score.

**Team Selection:**

- The cheer team will be determined according to final scores and the largest breaks in these scores.
- The Cheer coach has the final say in team size.
- Cheerleaders are not guaranteed a spot because they were previously on the squad; spots must be earned and can change every year. All judging is final and cannot be disputed.



**Commitment expectations:** If you plan to participate in a fall or winter sport, or any other extracurricular activities, it is important to carefully consider the level of commitment required for both cheerleading and your other activities.

Football cheer material will be distributed prior to summer break. There will be summer practices, and all cheerleaders are expected to learn and be prepared to perform the material before the first game in August.

Cheerleading is a full- season commitment, including both football and basketball seasons. If you are unable to fully commit to learning the material, attending practices, and participating in games, please reconsider trying out.

When team members are unable to dedicate the necessary time and effort, it impacts those who are fully committed and relying on each other as a team.

### **Thank you for your interest in becoming a FCMS Jr. High Wildcat Cheerleader!!!!**

Please **complete** and **turn this sheet into** the FCMS, LES, SMS or MCS front office **no later than 3:30pm-Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>.** **Please keep pages 1 & 2 for your records.**

**Please provide the requested information:**

Current grade:\_\_\_\_\_.

Candidate's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

\*if you do not have a phone, please put parent/guardians' number above.\_\_\_\_

Name/contact number for parent/guardian:\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you cheered before?\_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you play other sports? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please list all sports that you play. Include any Fall or Winter 2026-27 sports you plan to play.

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I, as parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

give my permission to allow them to try out for the **2026-27 FCMS Jr. High Cheerleading season.**

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Signature of parent/guardian

Date



I, (cheerleaders name) \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree to the commitment level in which to become a FCMS Jr. High Cheerleader.

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Signature of Cheerleader

Date