



DUXBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Dr. Danielle Klingaman
From: James Donovan, DHS Principal
Date: 12/10/21
Re: Cheerleading Trip Proposal

I recommend that the School Committee approve the Cheerleading Trip proposal for this coming March, 2022.

In November of 2021, our Fall Cheerleading team qualified for Nationals for the first time in our program's history. This is an incredible accomplishment and opportunity for our program and our students. While it is highly unusual for an athletic team to request this type of overnight travel to compete in any national competition, I think this trip is worthy of consideration for the following reasons:

1. Our cheerleading team was scheduled to compete in the state tournament in March of 2020. This competition, like all winter state tournament competitions, was cancelled due to the initial wave of school closures.
2. Cheerleading teams, which are not considered a sport in Massachusetts, were not permitted to compete and perform in the winter season, per covid guidelines.
3. In the Fall II season, our cheerleading team only performed at two games, because of contact tracing protocol and temporary suspension of the football program.

In spite of this, these student athletes continued their work and had, arguably, their strongest season ever. This opportunity will offer the students involved in our Fall and Winter Cheer programs an opportunity to compete on a national level and, more importantly, grow as individual athletes and as a team.

I have been in contact with principals of other local schools in the area who will have students traveling during the upcoming spring. We are in the process of developing contingency plans for our students which will include proof of negative COVID test before travel, and protocols should any chaperone or student test positive while on the trip.

Unfortunately, this program requires schools and student athletes register by December 31, 2021 and therefore, I am requesting that School Committees approve this trip at their next meeting. Mrs. Carley and I will be present to answer any questions the committee may have.



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Out-of State Trip Proposal

All Duxbury High School field trips are governed by the DPS School Committee Policies (Specifically, IJOA) and the DHS Student Handbook. Key details of these policies include:

- All extended (overnight) trips and excursions must have advance approval of the School Committee sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled departure.
- Fundraising activities for such trips will be subject to approval by the principal.
- On all such trips there must be at least an adult-student ratio of 1 to 10.
- The School Committee reserves the right to revoke permission for any trip at any given time, for safety or other appropriate reasons.
- Overnight trips should be scheduled on weekends or during school vacations to minimize lost classroom time.
- All participating students must submit a signed parent/guardian permission form. Such form must include appropriate authorization for emergency medical care and administration of medication.

Once the fields are completed, submit them to the Principal to be presented to the School Committee for approval.

Trip Overview: Describe the nature of your proposed trip, including as many specifics as possible at this time as to:

Where/What (*Specific Destination(s)*) and General Itinerary

I am proposing a trip to Orlando, FL for the AmeriCheer Nationals Cheerleading Competition. Departure from DHS on Thursday afternoon March 18, 2022 (time TBD); return to DHS on Monday March 21, 2022 (time TBD). Sample itinerary attached.

This trip includes the following:

- A two-day national cheerleading competition with an opportunity to compete for a national title.
- Practice times at the Universal Wide World of Sports venue
- 3 park/3 day park passes

Student athletes participating in this trip will be those who competed in Fall 2021 season (MSAA State Championships). Additionally, Winter Cheer Athletes who did not participate in the fall season will be invited to compete.

Submitted by: Jen Carley, DHS Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Learning Objectives:

- 1.) **To expose our student athletes to competition and critique on a national level, learn.**
- 2.) Develop a positive team culture with shared goals and objectives that help to develop the sport of cheerleading in Duxbury. Importantly, the MIAA does not consider cheerleading a sport in the state of Massachusetts.
- 3.) To Provide our students with an opportunity for personal and athletic growth as well as good sportsmanship and citizenship.
- 4.) This trip aligns with the following DHS Student- Athlete Handbook Values of
 - Discipline
 - Performing under stress
 - Teamwork
 - Sacrifice
 - Commitment
 - Effort
 - Accountability
 - Citizenship
 - Sportsmanship
 - Confidence
 - Leadership
 - Organizational skills
 - Participating within rules
 - Physical well-being and healthy lifestyles
 - Striving towards excellence

Expense Worksheet: Use this worksheet to calculate what you believe the approximate price/traveller for the trip will be. You will need to account for this on the DPS Field Trip Request Form that will be submitted for approval. The following categories may be helpful to consider as you prepare your cost/traveler. Some Categories may not apply to your trip

Expense	Price Per Traveler
Airfare	\$350.00

Lodging	\$870 (includes competition fees)
Meals	\$200
On the Ground Transportation, including to/from airport	\$45 per cheerleader
Tours	Included in lodging
Gratuities	
Insurance	\$165
Pre-Trip Preparation Costs (i.e. international cell phone plan)	\$100
Emergency Cash	\$100 spending money/\$75 clothing
Other	TBD
Share of Chaperone Cost/Student	Dependent on the number of students participating. We will maintain a minimum ratio of five students for every chaperone.
Total	\$1,600 (approx)

Anticipated Fundraising Plan and Goals:

The Cheerleading team intends to provide fundraising opportunities for athletes which could provide up to ⅓ of the approximately \$1,600 cost per student. This includes but is not limited to the following fundraisers in accordance with School Committee Policy:

- 1.) SnapRaise
- 2.) Youth Cheer Clinic
- 3.) Chipotle
- 4.) Hilliards chocolate bars
- 5.) Scratch ticket basket

Fundraising efforts will be led by the "Stunt Club" Cheerleading Booster Organization (Officers: Deb Mullin, and Jess Manning) for the trip.