

# Hiram High School



## 2026-2027 Varsity & JV Cheerleading Tryout Packet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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### Packet Includes:

- Tryout Information & Important Dates
- Tryout Sequence of Events
- HHS Cheer Important Dates
- Application
- Parent/Guardian Permission Form
- Financial Commitment Form
- Paperwork Check List and Returning Instructions

**Attention:** It is required that you download, read, and understand the Athletic Handbook available at [https://hiramathletics.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ATHLETIC\\_HANDBOOK\\_Student-Parent\\_2019.pdf](https://hiramathletics.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ATHLETIC_HANDBOOK_Student-Parent_2019.pdf)

# Tryout Information

## To tryout you must:

- Have a current physical (Official HHS Forms) if you already have a physical on file with cheer or another sport you are cleared for tryouts. If you do not have one on Rank One, you will need to get your physical done after April 1, 2026, for it to be valid for one year.
- Turn in a copy of Term 1 and Term 2 Grades (full name must be clearly shown) students are required to be on grade level at the time of tryouts. Grade level is as follows:
  - 5 credits end of 9th grade year – 11 credits end of 10th grade year – 17 credits end of 11th grade year
- Turn in tryout packet with all required documents signed by the correct party by email or the second day of tryouts to *Coach Pauldin, Holmes, Walker, Blakely, or Hodge*.

## Important Dates:

- Mandatory Cheer Interest Candidate & Parent Meeting:
  - **April 1, 2026 @ 6:00** via Zoom
- Clinic Dates: In Main Gym
  - **April 13, 2026, 4:00-5:30PM (Football) 5:30-7:00PM (Basketball)**
  - **April 14, 2026, 4:00-5:30PM (Football) 5:30-7:00PM (Basketball)**
  - **April 15, 2026, 4:00-5:30PM (Football) 5:30-7:00PM (Basketball)**
    - You will learn a cheer, chant, jumps, and dance from the current graduating seniors
    - This is a closed clinic.
  - Physical Appearance:
    - Well fitted athletic attire, sports bra, tennis shoes/cheer shoes
    - Hair pulled away from face in ponytail
    - Must remove ALL jewelry
- HHS Tryouts:
  - Varsity and JV FOOTBALL and BASKETBALL Tryouts on **Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Main Gym**
    - Tryouts are closed to the public! Only candidates, senior cheerleaders, coaches, judges and impartial tabulator are allowed in.
    - Physical Appearance:
      - All black well fitted athletic attire, sports bra, tennis shoes/cheer shoes
      - Hair pulled away from face in ponytail
      - Must remove ALL jewelry
    - **Results will be announced by Sunday, April 19 2026, on the Band App**
      - If you make the team, **MANDATORY uniform fitting on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026 @ 3:30PM in the Cafeteria.**
    - If you have questions regarding scores, please contact the coach for that team.

## **Cheerleading Tryouts**

### **The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Tryouts:**

We use the Band App to communicate and all jumps, chants, cheers, and dances, will be uploaded for the candidates to use as reference during tryouts.



### **The Thursday of Tryouts each candidate will:**

1. Candidates will remain in designated waiting area until random number is called.
2. When number is called, spirit from the door to the beginning of the mat in groups of two or three.
3. Wait for the judges to say "GO".
4. One by one SPIRIT or TUMBLE into your spot.
5. Complete your best JUMP.
6. Perform the CHANT.
7. Perform the CHEER.
8. Wait for the music to start and then perform the DANCE.
9. Wait to be released and then spirit to the door on the opposite side.
10. Exit the gym and you are free to leave.

# Hiram High School Cheer

## Important Dates 2026-2027

Immediately following tryouts, both teams will have the following **MANDATORY** commitments.

### FOOTBALL (V & JV) Payment Dates and Parent Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026                      Uniform Fitting starting @ 3:30
  - Mandatory for both parent and cheerleader
- Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026                      1<sup>st</sup> Payment Due
  - Camp registration and HHS shirt
- Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026                      Fundraiser
  - Scoreboard
- Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026                      2<sup>nd</sup> Payment Due
  - Warmup
- Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026                      3<sup>rd</sup> Payment Due (remaining balance)

### BASKETBALL (V & JV) Payment Dates and Parent Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026                      Uniform Fitting starting @ 3:30
  - Mandatory for both parent and cheerleader
- Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026                      1<sup>st</sup> Payment Due
  - Camp registration and HHS shirt
- Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026                      Fundraiser
  - Scoreboard
- Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026                      2<sup>nd</sup> Payment Due
  - Warmup
- Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026                      3<sup>rd</sup> Payment Due (remaining balance)

**\*\*Acceptable payment options: Revtrak (extra fees)\*\***

### Summer Practices:

- No summer practices

### Cheer Camp

- July 28-30, 2026 @ Paulding Gymnastics

### Practice Dates:

- 1<sup>st</sup> day of Football practice                      August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026                      3:30-5:30PM
- 1<sup>st</sup> day of Basketball practice                      Starting in September                      3:30-5:00PM

***Please Note:*** Every effort is made to give notice of events in advance. Some events may have to be added/changed after the calendar has been made. Participation in other activities may conflict with cheer. HHS cheer must be your first priority. Unexcused absences from cheer responsibilities will result in consequences such as demerits, probation, suspension, and/or dismissal.

**\*\*Dates/Times are tentative and subject to change\*\***

# HHS Cheer Application

## 2026-2027

Please clearly print all of the following information!

### Personal Information

Name:		Phone:
Address:		Zip:
Grade Level for 2026-2027 School Year:	Overall GPA:	Date of Birth:

### Medical Information

Doctor:	Phone:
Allergies (if so, please list):	
Medications (if so, please list):	
Dietary Restrictions (if so, please list):	

### Parent/Guardian Information

Name:	Relationship:	Phone:
Email Address:		
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:
Email Address:		

### Other Information

1. Do you have any prior cheerleading experience? If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What dates will you be out of town that you already know of ahead of time? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you currently a member of any club, organization, or sport requiring extra practice time?  
If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/ Guardian Permission Form

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to try out for cheerleader for the 2026-2027 school year at Hiram High School.

- I understand that he/she is required to attend all sporting events chosen by the coach(s).
- I understand that dates/ times may change, and my cheerleader is expected to attend all mandatory events.
- I understand that the coach(s) will give as much advance notice as possible.
- I understand that he/she is responsible for participating in all fundraiser activities coordinated by the coach(s).
- I understand that the responsibility of a cheerleader and a mascot are always considered more important than other extra-curricular activities and/or after-school job.
- I understand that he/she must be currently eligible according to GHSA standards.
- I understand that he/she cannot have more than a total of one failing grade and cannot be out of compliance with attendance laws on Term 1 and Term 2 grading reports according to the handbook.
- I understand that to participate next year, he/she must have enough class credits to be eligible according to GHSA standards.
- I understand that he/she is required to attend cheer camp, as well as all in season practices.
- I grant the release of legal responsibility of my son/daughter to the Hiram High School Cheer Coach(s) while on any project or activity concerning cheerleading responsibilities.
- I have read a copy of the Athletic Handbook. If chosen to be a Hiram High School Cheerleader or Mascot, I understand that I will be held responsible for the expectations and consequences set forth.

***I will show good sportsmanship by accepting the decision of the judges' scores and the final results of tryouts.***

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Acknowledgement of Financial Responsibility

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the estimated cost of being a Hiram High School Cheerleaders or Mascot. I agree to pay for the fees accrued for cheerleading. I understand that all payments are due by November 1, 2026.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

After fitting dates, each member will receive an invoice from the coaches for your personal payment responsibilities. Below is an EXAMPLE of general expenses.

2023-2024 HHS Varsity SINGLE Cheer Fees - Approximate Merchandise Cost				
Full Name: _____				
Monogram: First Initial: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Initial: _____				
Non-Negotiable Items:	Quantity:	Size:	Appx. Cost	
*Warm-Up Jacket Only	1		\$125	
*Warm-Up Pants Only	1		\$100	
*Uniform Rental	1	Top: Skirt:	\$125	
*HHS Shirt	1		\$25	
*Socks	1		\$10	
*Cheer Bow	1	N/A	\$15	
*Pink out/Gold Out Package	1	N/A	\$45	
*Activity Fee	N/A	N/A	\$125	
*Participation Fee	N/A	N/A	\$100	
*Cheer Bag	1	N/A	\$40	
*Skills Cheer Camp	3 Days	N/A	\$130	
*Raincoat (FB)	1		\$20	
<b>Total for Non-Negotiables</b>			<b>\$880</b>	
Negotiable Fees (Don't Buy If You Already Have These):				
Game Day Poms (Metallic Gold)		N/A	\$25	
Cheer Bloomers			\$10	
Away Game Day Dinners	7 (FB) /10 (BB)	YES or NO	\$70/\$100	
<b>Total Cost To Purchase All</b> (Do Not Include Any Pricing for Items Below This Line):				
To Be Purchased At Home:				
Tumbling Class: \$140 (2 x Month @\$70)	N/A	N/A	N/A	
All Whites Cheer Shoes	N/A	N/A	N/A	
All White Sports Bra	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Thick Black Leggings	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Black Jeans	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Please mark selection and quantity carefully. Once we place the order, it cannot be changed and payment is required. All items with a * next to it, must be purchased by all cheerleaders. All cheerleaders new to the program will need one of everything listed above. If returning, and all previously purchased item still look nice and fit appropriately, you will only need the items marked with a *.				
Payment Schedule:	1st Payment	2nd Payment	3rd Payment	4th Payment
Football Girls	JULY 1st	AUGUST 1st	SEPTEMBER 1st	OCTOBER 1st
Basketball Girls	JULY 1st	OCTOBER 1st	NOVEMBER 1st	DECEMBER 1st
By Signing Below, I agree to pay for all <u>items</u> selected above:				
Parent Name in Print _____				
Parent Signature: _____				

## Paperwork Checklist

*Please return all necessary paperwork to any of the coaches via email or by the first day of tryouts.*

*Coach Pauldin at [spauldin@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:spauldin@paulding.k12.ga.us)*

*Coach Holmes at [cholmes@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:cholmes@paulding.k12.ga.us)*

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*Coach Blakely at [marieblakely@myyahoo.com](mailto:marieblakely@myyahoo.com)*

*Coach Hodge at [jrhodge@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:jrhodge@paulding.k12.ga.us)*

Make sure all paperwork is signed by the correct party and **returned** in order:

- Cheer Member Application
- Parent/ Guardian Permission Form
- Financial Responsibility Form
- Official Sport Physical Form (if needed) (*Only valid if it is currently not expired on Rank One*)
- Turn in a copy of Term 1 and Term 2 Grades (full name must be clearly shown)