

Dear McQueen Cheerleading Candidate:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Robert McQueen High School Cheerleading tryouts. This program has a tradition of success, and we are looking forward to a great season.

The McQueen Cheer & Stunt Program is made up of all around talented individuals. We place emphasis on different skills, but overall, McQueen Cheer & Stunt is focused on kind, talented, outgoing young women and men that are looking to support their school, perform at games and events, work with younger cheerleaders as role models, and most importantly, achieve in the classroom.

**About the McQueen Cheer & Stunt Program 2025-2026:**

The McQueen Cheer & Stunt Program cheers for: football, men’s and women’s basketball, varsity volleyball, wrestling and all other sports/clubs as requested, in addition to attending other athletic teams’ games throughout their season. This season, members of the team will coach children ages 5yrs old through middle school with the Little Lancer Cheer Program. Members of the team do community service. Travel varies from year to year.

Mandatory report back for the Fall is July 21st for our first day of Cheer Camp. There are games scheduled during Fall and Christmas Breaks that will require attendance. Tentative practices for the 2025-2026 Season for JV will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:00pm-5:00pm and for Varsity Monday and Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm, Tuesdays and Thursday from 3-5 p.m. with weights on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Individual stunt group practices, if necessary, will be Thursdays, time TBA. Practices are subject to change based on practice area availability.

**Requirements are:**

All around sideline cheer components, including but not limited to, dancing, performing, jumping, stunting, cheering, motions, memory, execution and tumbling.

Tumbling skills will help to add to the well roundedness of the cheerleader trying out, but it is **NOT** required to be on the team.

Eligibility: ACADEMIC: 2.5 CITIZENSHIP 3.0

**Teacher/Former Coach (not McQueen Cheer staff) Letter of Recommendations: Each applicant will be required to obtain 2 Teacher/Coach Letter of Recommendations verifying their character, leadership, academics, work ethic and school spirit potential and experience. They must be in a sealed envelope with a teacher signature sent to McQueen HS Cheer or put in the cheer mailbox. These recommendations will account for 20 points of the overall score, if they are not turned in a sealed envelope by May 13th, 2025, they will not be counted, *no exceptions.* There will be a 5 point deduction each day they are late. Any suspected forgeries will be investigated and if confirmed you will be disqualified from tryouts.**

**TRYOUT INFORMATION**

**May 19th – May 22nd**

**THERE ARE NO VIDEO TRYOUTS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON**

**Applicants must attend all tryout days. Tryouts are closed to viewers.**

**WHERE:** Tryouts will be held in the Big & Small Gym at McQueen High School.

**Monday, May 19th - Tuesday, May 20th – Wednesday, May 21st-Thursday, May 22**

**Schedule: 3:00 Check In**

 **3:00-4:00 Material Instruction**

 **4:15-4:30 Break**

 **4:30-5:00 Material Instruction**

**Attire:** Royal Blue T-shirt & black shorts

 Athletic Shoes ONLY!

 No jewelry/No piercings/Tattoos must be covered

 Bows are encouraged

We are looking for a neat, well-kempt appearance, look your best!

Bring snacks and water!!

**Tuesday, May 20th**

**Schedule 3:00 Check In**

 **3:00-3:45 Material Review**

 **3:45-4:00 Break**

 **4:00-5:00 Material Review**

**Attire:** Royal Blue T-shirt & black shorts

 Athletic Shoes ONLY!

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**Wednesday, May 21st**

**Schedule 3:00 Check In**

 **3:00-3:45 Material Review**

 **3:45-4:00 Break**

 **4:00-5:00 1st Cut Tryouts**

Band Dance & Sideline Cheer will be performed & interviews (if necessary) will be held, in addition to tumbling tryouts.

**Attire:** Royal Blue T-shirt & black shorts

 Athletic Shoes ONLY!

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 Bows are encouraged

**Thursday, May 22nd**

**Schedule 3:00 JV Check In**

 **3:00-4:00 CLOSED JV Tryouts**

 **4:00-4:15 Break - - VARSITY Check-In**

 **4:15-5:30 CLOSED Varsity Tryouts**

 **5:30-6:00 Break**

**Friday, May 23rd-Team Announcements**

**Schedule 3:00-5:00 in small gym**

Tryout Criteria will include, but is not limited to:

* Dance routine, Fight Song, Jumps, Cheer, Tumbling
* Performance skills and facial expressions
* Comprehension of material
* Ability to perform to style of the team.
* Execution and memory
* Level of technique
* Overall Ability – well rounded performer/cheerleader
* Spirit/Ability to lead a crowd

**CUTS WILL BE MADE!**

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**Wednesday, May 28th 2025 - MANDATORY UNIFORM FITTING – 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

 **MANDATORY Parent Meeting -June 5th 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

**1st payment due of $500.00 made out to McQueen Cheer Team,**

**\*The entire meeting is mandatory for all athletes and at least 1 parent and closed to the public, plan accordingly. \***

**What to include in your packet:**

**If any part of your application is not complete, you will not be able to participate in the tryout, until missing items have been turned in!**

* All Applications must be turned in to the Cheer mailbox at McQueen HS by 3:00 p.m. May 9th, 2025.
* Completed Application Packet – please be sure all handwriting is legible
* Non-returnable wallet size photo (no larger)
* Athletic Clearance through Aktivate, EXCEPT for $110 payment which will be due upon making the team – packet must be filled out every year by going to Aktivate.com starting May 1st.
	+ There are athletic fees associated with Athletic Clearance.
	+ Please upload the current physical (EVERY YEAR) to your Aktivate profile.
	+ You will not be eligible to try out if you do not have physical and Aktivate registration complete. Athletic fees of $110 can be paid to bookkeeper ***if you make the team*** by June 30th, 2025.
	+ PLEASE NOTE: PACKETS MAY NOT BE EMAILED!

**Additional Information**

**Placement:**

We are looking to place Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheer & Stunt; final placement is at the coaches’ discretion. 16 spots are available for Junior Varsity (fall only), and up to 24 spots are available for full season Varsity teams, ***no half season option will be available***. **Freshman may not try out for Varsity.** Grades, maturity, physical readiness, and skill level will be taken into consideration for placement. At the coaches’ discretion written offers to joint Varsity Cheer & Stunt for basketball may be issued to JV sophomores/juniors only.

Mandatory Dates – FULL SQUAD PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED:

* May 19-23: TRYOUTS 3:00-5:00pm Big & Small Gym at McQueen.
* May 28th: Uniform Fitting – 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Cafeteria
* June 5th: New Team Meeting -6-8pm Cafeteria (**first payment due**)
* **July 20th Meet and Treats, Valley Wood Park, 7-8:30 pm (bring a treat to share)**
* **Week of July 21st: MANDATORY REPORT BACK DATE - CHEER CAMP** (9-4:30)
* July 28th-August 8th: Mandatory YTraining Camp
* August 8th: Team Bonding Night (Mandatory)
* August 9th: Team Pictures 8am-12pm
* August 11th: First Day of School
* TBD: Welcome Back Assembly
* Week of September 8th: Fall Little Lancer Camp begins
* August 14th/15: First Football Game
* TBD: First Varsity Volleyball Game (Tuesday home games only)

These dates are subject to change; however, all members of the McQueen Cheer & Stunt Program must fully participate in these dates as a condition of being on the team.

**Dual Activity/Outside Sports Participation:**

McQueen Cheerleaders can participate in other McQueen Clubs such as ROTC, Leadership, Speech and Debate, etc. However, McQueen Cheer needs to be top priority. Any Non-McQueen competitive cheer/athletics participation is prohibited.

**EXPENSE SHEET**

**SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026**

**estimated**

| **ITEM** | **AMOUNT** |
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| Uniform bundle (shell, skirt and liner) (JV and Varsity girls only) | $326.00 |
| PowerFit Shell only | $148.00 |
| PowerFit Skirt only | $140.00 |
| PowerFit Liner only | $105.00 |
| Camp  | $300.00 |
| Mandatory Practice Wear Pack | $102.00/with helmet $154 |
| Boys Uniform top | $111.00 |
| Cheer Shoes ALL (boys could opt out) | $85.00 |
| Warm-ups Bundle | $206.00 |
| Warm up Jacket only | $153.00 |
| Warm up Pants only | $89.00 |
| Bows (2 bows) (Girls only) | $60.00 |
| Cheer Backpack  | $40.00 |
| Royal Uniform boy cut brief (Girls only) | $12.00 |
| **Girls TOTAL** | **$1131.00 estimated** |
| **Boys Total** | **$759.00 estimated** |

***Monthly statements will be sent out to all who make the team and total costs are final. Some fundraising may be available.***

Payments should be submitted by check made out to **Mcqueen Cheer Team** and turned into Coach Nia or via Venmo on or before due dates. If you need to pay by credit card please submit receipt of payment from bookkeeper to Coach Nia within 5 days past due date.

**All accounts must be paid by October 30th(end of football season)**

**Payment due dates-JV and Varsity**

**Payment #1 6/5/25 $500 due from EVERYONE night of parent meeting**

**Payment #2 7/29/25**

**Payment #3 8/26/25**

**Payment #4 9/23/25**

***Please note all payments will be due in full by the last regular season football game otherwise athletes cannot try out the following year.***

**Communication:**

Please direct all team correspondence to the team email: **mcqueenlancerscheer@gmail.com**

The Cheer & Stunt Program uses SportsYou and other social media accounts to send out information. Please follow our McQueen Cheer Instagram (mcqueenlancercheerteam). Upon making the team, an invite to our SportsYou Team Page will be sent via email. All athletes and at least 1 parent must be registered on SportsYou account by May 26, 2025.

This packet is meant to give an overview of the program, its goals, and expectations. It is our goal to develop well-rounded, productive, and successful cheerleaders through teamwork, good sportsmanship, and physical development in a safe, athletic environment. The coaches will do their best to provide ample notice and communication to the families of McQueen Cheer & Stunt if there are any changes to the schedule, season plan or budgets. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us.

Thank you for taking time to thoroughly read through this packet. We look forward to seeing you at tryouts!!

Sincerely,

Jessica Bradshaw (Head Coach)

Emma Waters (JV Coach)

Nia Waters (Asst. Coach)

Stephen Waters (Stunt Coach)