

Fort Collins High School

Cheer Tryouts

We are excited that you are interested in becoming a part of the Fort Collins High School Cheerleading Team! Please read through all of the following information carefully before arriving on April, 20, 2026 for the first day of tryouts. In this packet, you will find information on information for tryouts, tryout procedures and general information on being an FCHS Cheerleader.

Our FCHS cheer team consists of a Varsity and Junior Varsity cheer team. We encourage all ability levels to try out. Prior to tryouts, you must have all of the following completed or you will not be allowed to participate.

Tryout Checklist:

- ☐ Completed Student Tryout Information Sheet *(page 4 of this packet)*
- ☐ Completed Student Questionnaire *(page 5 of this packet)*
- ☐ Completed and Signed Student & Parent Contract Page *(page 6 of this packet)*
- ☐ Completed FCHS Cheer Tryout Form *(link can be found [here](#) or on our website)*
- ☐ Completed Athletic Paperwork
- ☐ Obtain an Orange Card from the FCHS Athletic Secretary
 - *To receive an Orange Card, bring the completed athletic paperwork to the FCHS Athletic Secretary along with a receipt from paying the PSD Athletic Fee*
 - *You must bring the Orange Card with you to the first day of tryouts in order to participate*

Thank you for your interest in becoming a FCHS Cheerleader! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Coach Jen at jsiripachana@psdschools.org.

Being an FCHS Cheerleader

Anyone can be a FCHS Cheerleader! We do not require any prior cheer experience for tryouts. Students who are a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior at Fort Collins High School are welcome to try out for our Cheer team. There will be no specific number of students from each grade level selected.

Cheerleading at FCHS is both a job and a privilege. If you are selected, you will be expected to hold yourself to the highest standard of behavior and performance. Being a FCHS Cheerleader is a year-long commitment. Cheerleading is a team sport and requires that every team member be present to be successful.

There is the possibility that you can still participate in another sport, these instances will be handled on a case by case basis. By trying out you are agreeing to make FCHS cheer your priority and as such make the time commitment required to be a successful and contributing member of the FCHS Cheerleading team.

The time commitment for cheer depends on whether you are on the Varsity or JV Team. The JV team has practices twice a week with 1-2 additional cheer events each week. The Varsity team has practices twice a week with 2-3 additional cheer events each week. Varsity is also required to participate in competitions and competition practices can add another 1-2 practices each week.

Financial Obligations

Along with a time commitment, all members of the team will have a financial commitment as well. All team members will be responsible to cover costs for their own uniforms, warm-ups, shoes, backpack, poms, practice clothes, etc. Members of the Varsity team will also be responsible for the additional fees for competition choreography, competition warm-ups, and other competition costs. The FCHS Cheer team will participate in fundraisers throughout the year to off-set these costs as well.

The Estimated Costs for the Season are as follows:

Varsity \approx \$2,500 - \$3,000

Junior Varsity \approx \$1,500 - \$2,000

For Varsity, the estimated cost of the season does not include the cost for competitions. The costs will also differ based on whether you are returning to the FCHS cheer program/team or are brand new.

The costs are not expected to be paid all up front in one lump sum but are rather spread out over the first several months of the season.

Tryout Procedures

When you arrive at the first day of tryouts, you must turn in pages 4-6 of this packet along with an Orange Card. You will only be allowed to participate at tryouts if you have completed the Student Tryout Information Sheet, filled out Student Questionnaire, signed the Contract page, and have an Orange Card on the first day of Tryouts.

To obtain an Orange Card, you will need to get a physical done by your doctor as well as complete and turn in pages 8-12 to the Athletic Secretary at Fort Collins High School. A district athletic participation fee will also be required to get an Orange Card. This fee can be paid online on School Pay or in-person to the FCHS bookkeeper. Free/Reduced Lunch Waivers are also available for qualifying students.

At the tryout practices, all participants will learn a Cheer, Chant, and Dance, as well as cheer motions, jumps and stunting.

Dress for Tryouts

Please come to tryouts prepared and ready to work. Please make sure that you are wearing FCHS colors (purple, gold/yellow, white) to promote your school spirit. Wear your hair up and out of your face and no jewelry and nails longer than your fingertips are allowed. If you do not adhere to these requirements, you will be asked to sit out.

Team Selection

Following the final day of tryouts on August 28th, the results will be posted at the school on Saturday. Once the team has been selected, further information on being a FCHS Cheerleader will be given at the New Team Athlete and Parent Meeting, including more information in detail on expenses, important dates, practice schedules, and team rules, regulations and expectations. The meeting is mandatory for all athletes and parents!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a FCHS Cheerleader. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Jen at jsiripachana@psdschools.org

We look forward to seeing you at Tryouts!

Student Tryout Information

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____ Grade: _____

Current School you are attending: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Student's Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Medical Information:

Allergies/Health Problems, any known injuries or medical issues that could prevent the student from fully participating.

Any medications possibly needed during tryouts _____

* Please note that you must have a self-carry form filled in the school's nurse's office for over the counter medication

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Student Questionnaire

Student Name: _____

We encourage you to be a well-rounded student and we can't wait to meet you! Please be honest with your answers as it will help us get to know you and what your interests are.

1. FCHS Cheerleaders have the responsibility of being a good Role Model and Leader.
 - a. Give us an example of how you can be a leader at FCHS or in the community

 - b. Who is one of your Role Models and why?
2. What are two important characteristics of a leader?
3. What would your best friend tell us about you?
4. Cheerleading is a year-round commitment and responsibility. Will you have situations (ex: trips, vacations, etc.) that will cause you to miss cheer?
5. We try to work together with other teams and sports, so that you can be involved. What sports, cheer teams, plays, clubs, StuCo, or other events (in or out of school) do you hope to be involved in next year besides cheer? Could it conflict with cheer?
6. There are many reasons why someone might want to be a cheerleader, what is one of your reasons you would like to be a part of our team?
7. Given the information on page 2 of this packet, what team are you hoping to make?
8. Were you involved in any behavior infractions (ISS, OSS, Administrative Discipline) during the 2025-2026 school year? If yes, please explain and use a separate sheet if needed.

FCHS Cheerleading Student Contract

Student's Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____ Student ID#: _____

I understand to tryout for the FCHS Cheerleading Team, I must do the following:

1. I will attend tryout practices on April 20th-22nd and tryouts on Thursday, April 23rd.
2. My cell phone will be turned off during all of tryouts.

If selected to represent FCHS as a cheerleader, I agree to the following:

1. I will commit to FCHS Cheerleading for the complete April 2026 – March 2027 season.
2. I will cheer at all required events and attend all practices.
3. I will cooperate fully with the entire FCHS cheer team and coaches.
4. I will work with the group for community events and fundraisers for the benefit of the program.
5. I agree to pay my uniform balance and my camp fee by the deadline of March 1, 2027.
6. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the FCHS Cheerleading Handbook, PSD regulations, FCHS regulations, & CHSAA regulations.
7. I understand injuries/death can occur and I will not hold FCHS, PSD, and coaches responsible or liable.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

FCHS Cheerleading Parent Contract

Student's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

As a Parent/Guardian to the above student, I agree to the following:

1. I understand that there is no guarantee that my student will make a team or the team of their preference.
2. I agree to attend a Parent Meeting on Tuesday, April 28th if my student makes a team.
3. I understand there is fundraising; however, there is no guaranteed amount of fundraising to defer the uniform cost. I understand the uniform cost can be over \$1,000. I understand a PSD waiver does not cover extracurricular expenses.
4. I will pay the \$220 athletic participation fee prior to tryouts. Free & Reduced Waivers will apply for participation fee.
5. I will guarantee my student will pay their uniform bill prior to the due date set of March 1, 2027.
6. I understand injuries/death can occur. I will not hold FCHS, PSD, or the coaches responsible or liable.
7. I give permission for my student, _____ to tryout for FCHS Cheerleading.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____