

Manchester Essex Regional School District

New High School Sport Proposal: Cheerleading

PROPOSAL

To establish cheerleading as an official sport of Manchester Essex Regional High School.

RATIONALE

Current members of the Manchester Essex Parks/Recreation cheerleading program have requested to be recognized as an official high school sport at Manchester Essex Regional High School. Without the school's recognition and funding, the cheerleading team is unable to compete in the MIAA/MSAA cheer competitions. These student-athletes desire the opportunity to compete and showcase their skills to a broader audience. Not to mention, the discipline and commitment required to develop a competitive routine will teach students how to be responsible, accountable, respectful, and hardworking citizens. They will also acquire valuable time management skills as they learn how to balance the rigors of academics with athletics.

ALIGNMENT TO DISTRICT VISION & GOALS

- The Manchester Essex Regional School District believes schools must establish a safe environment conducive to the development of the whole child, which extends beyond the academic core to include experiential learning, the arts, cultural awareness, and physical and emotional well-being.
- We believe in setting challenging expectations and supporting all students to achieve high standards of performance.
- We believe in academic and extracurricular experiences that emphasize intellectual, physical, artistic, and social/emotional well-being.
- We believe in the power of building relationships between staff, students and community.
- We believe that family and community partnerships enhance and enrich the learning experiences for all students and staff.
- We believe that the school community must strive for continuous improvement and excellence.

GOALS

- Maintain high participation numbers in cheerleading.
- Maintain a strong relationship between the Junior Hornets cheerleaders and the cheerleading team at MERHS.

- Create an opportunity for Junior Hornets cheerleaders to continue to compete in the sport they love at the high school level.
- Compete in a MIAA/MSAA sponsored competition in the Fall of 2022.
- Improve pride in the school's cheerleading program.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- **Estimated Transportation Costs**
 - Football Away Games (Regular-Season)
 - Cost per bus (x4): \$475 (fluctuates depending on time and distance of trip)
 - Total: \$1900
- **Additional Cheer Mats (one-time purchase)**
 - Approximately \$735 per mat
 - 6 Mats Needed: \$4970
- **2 Coaching Stipends**
 - Head Coach: \$4490
 - Assistant Coach: \$2908
 - **Total: \$7398**
- **MIAA/MSAA Competition Fee: \$200**
- **Uniforms - no cost until 2026, already purchased with gift funds and fundraising**
 - Estimated \$150 x 25 cheerleaders
 - Total: \$3750
 - We purchase uniforms on a four-year cycle
- **Total Estimated Expense:**
 - **Revolving Fund: \$7,070**
 - **General Fund: \$7,398**
 - **Total: \$14,468**
- **Total Estimated Income from Additional User Fees (Revolving Fund):**
 - HS User Fee: \$460
 - Estimated Number of Participants: 25
 - **Estimated Income: \$11,500**
- **Differential: +\$4,430 surplus (Revolving Fund)**
- **Differential: \$7398 added cost to General Fund**
 - Coach stipends currently forecast \$7000 less than budget (including 2 new cheer stipends)
 - Can transfer additional expense to revolving fund using surplus if necessary