



## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

### GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING CHEERLEADING SQUADS

6123

Procedure No.

September 2, 2008

Date

- I. **PURPOSE:** To clarify procedures related to the participation of cheerleading competitions and at games and other events.
- II. **PROCEDURES:**
  - A. When considering participation in cheerleader competitions, the following guidelines must be followed:
    1. Competitions by and between squads of the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) (i.e., internal competitions) shall be permitted. (The guidelines set forth in the Prince George's County Handbook for Cheerleader Sponsors and the National Federation of High School Cheerleaders Spirit Rule Book will be followed.)
    2. A cheerleading squad may participate in invitational competitions external to the PGCPS system only if the squad has an emergency medical technician, and the squad's sponsor, who will be in attendance throughout such competition. The prohibition against acrobatic stunts does not apply in this case.
  - B. When considering cheerleader participation at games or other events, the following guidelines must be followed:
    1. All gymnastics or acrobatics during routine cheering at games will remain totally at the principal's discretion. The guidelines from the National Federation of High School Cheerleaders Spirit Rule Book will be followed.
    2. It is the principal's responsibility to assure that all of the training and practice sessions associated with gymnastics or acrobatics is done under the supervision of a qualified sponsor who has attended the Care and Prevention of Athletic Injury course offered to coaches in the County.
- III. **RELATED PROCEDURES:** None.
- IV. **MAINTENANCE AND UPDATE OF THESE PROCEDURES:** These procedures will be reviewed by the Office of Interscholastic Athletics and updated as needed.
- V. **CANCELLATIONS AND SUPERSEDURES:** This Administrative Procedure cancels and supersedes Administrative Procedure 6123, dated August 12, 1992.



## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

### GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING CHEERLEADING SQUADS

6123

Procedure No.

September 2, 2008

Date

VI. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 2, 2008.

Approved by:  
John E. Deasy  
Superintendent of Schools

Distribution: Lists 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, and 11