

UNI Pep Squad

Attendance and Grades

The below policy goes into effect on **Monday, August 15th**

The grade for the Pep Squad is almost entirely based on participation. Absences, for any reason, will result in missed points. If the absence (whether for an entire practice or a portion of a practice) is for an acceptable reason, the points can be made up.

There are different seasons within the school year. Each season has a different emphasis. In looking at the breakdown below, you will see that the football season is a weekly schedule (because there is one game per week). The basketball schedule is per half week (because there are up to two games per week - typically Tuesdays and Fridays).

Football Season – August 15th until November 4th (unless varsity football makes it to the playoffs)

- the following policy and game consequences are counted **per week** (game days are either Thursday or Friday of each week)

1 excused absence:	change in cheer position
2 excused absences / 1 unexcused absence:	sit out 1 st half
3 excused absences / 2 unexcused absences:	sit out entire game

Basketball Season – December 1st until February 9th (unless varsity basketball makes it to the playoffs)

- The following policy and game consequences are counted per half week (there are up to 2 games per week from January-mid February)

1 excused absence:	sit for ½ of game assignment
2 excused absences / 1 unexcused absence:	sit out entire game

Pep Rally Prep (2 weeks in advance of a Pep Rally)

- The following policy only applies to Varsity members, and JV members for the Spring Sports Rally in March.

1 excused absence:	removal from cheer's stunt(s) or song's ending
2 excused or 1 unexcused absence:	not performing

Because our practices accomplish more than one goal per day, our Competition Policy/Consequences overlaps with the above three periods.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are skills days. These days, are considered competition practice days, unless we are within the 2-week window for a Pep Rally. Following Basketball season, **all days** are considered competition practice days.

Competition Practices – beginning Tuesday, Sept 6th

- The following policy is for Tuesdays and Thursdays during Football/Basketball and every practice after basketball). The competition consequences are cumulative. It is very important to avoid missing Tuesday and Thursday practices.

2 unexcused absences	assigned as an alternate
1 st and 2 nd excused absences	verbal warnings
3 excused absences	warning letter/email sent home; signed attendance contract
4 excused absences	assigned as an alternate

To return to competition squad:

4+ weeks of perfect attendance **and** someone else vacating a spot through inconsistent attendance.

Grading System:

The Pep Squad class is a year-long obligation. Grades will primarily be based on attendance and active participation. An “A” grade is not automatic. We will follow a standard system in which:

100-90% = A 89-80% = B 79-70% = C 69-60% = D ≤ 59% = F

The following breakdown will be used to determine the final grade.

Category	Percentage
Participation at Practice	60%
Participation at Games and GsOW	20%*(see below)
Character / Personal Conduct	20%

Participation at Practice

All practices are equally important. Failure to attend (for any reason), failure to dress out, failure to bring all necessary items for practice, failure to be on time, and/or leaving early from practice are all reasons that a student may not receive full credit for a practice. Failure to actively participate (i.e. having to be constantly reminded to get to work, to stop talking, etc.) is another probable cause of points being deducted. Missing practices may also result in being benched (not participating) in performances and/or games, regardless of the excuse.

Participation at Games / Games of the Week

All scheduled games are required, unless otherwise noted. The potential reasons for points being deducted for participation also apply to participation at games. Important: **supporting UNI Athletics through cheering at games is our number one priority**. If any student fails to meet the standard of 85% for this category, they will not receive an A in the class, regardless of their other scores.

Make-up Work

Missed practices, games, etc. can be made up on a limited basis by attending Games of the Week, cheering at unassigned games, and completing assignments, as prescribed by Coach Shrake. Students are allowed to make up work when they have an excused* absence. Remember that parents have three days to call the school (949-936-7601) to give the reason for the absence.

Tardies:

The TROJAN CODE OF CONDUCT states: “Students will arrive to class on time.”

Consequences may include:

- 1st through 3rd tardy – Participation points will be deducted. If the tardy is for a game, the student will sit out a portion of the game, as determined by Coach Shrake.
- 4th and 5th tardy – All of the above consequences plus a 30-minute detention, to be served before school only.
- 6th and 7th - Teacher referral, 2 hours Saturday School
- 8th + additional - Teacher referral, 4 hours Saturday School.