

Razzle Dazzle

General Information and Team Standards

Welcome to Youth Spirit Squads, Inc. Cheer, Dance, and Drill teams.

Razzle Dazzle Spirit Squads are part of Youth Spirit Squads, Inc., a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization which provides educational athletic programs for elementary, middle, and high school-aged youth.

Razzle Dazzle Spirit Squads are structured for students interested in learning about and participating in, cheerleading, dance and precision drill.

Member Advantages

Performance opportunities:

- City wide performances
- High School events
- Local Competitions

Opportunity for team members to be an "Ambassador" for their school during:

- Pep assemblies
- School sporting events
- School projects
- Community service projects

Razzle Dazzle Spirit Squads are committed to giving you the best they have to offer, always providing a quality experience for the team and its members.

Practice

Razzle Dazzle Spirit Squads hold practice September through May. During the school season, we follow each school district's schedule:

All practices are mandatory. A member's absence is excused when the head coach is notified in advance of the absence. It is the discretion of the head coach whether or not the student will be allowed to participate in the next performance. The student will not be allowed to perform if notification of absence was not received.

Student Fees

Razzle Dazzle Spirit Squads provide quality training to students at an affordable price. To maintain that standard of quality, students support the program with a **\$60.00* fee per month.**

**Student accounts on automatic monthly payment receive a \$10 monthly discount.*

A \$50.00 non-refundable annual registration fee must be paid to process the registration for membership.

Support fees are pre-paid by last Friday of each month for the upcoming month.

Registration fee, monthly support fees, and uniform expenses are payable online at www.cheerdancedrill.org with a credit/debit/check card.

Fees may also be paid by cashier's check or money order made payable to Youth Spirit Squads and mailed to:

**Youth Spirit Squads, Inc.
2420 Comanche Rd NE, B-3
Albuquerque, NM 87107**

Note the name of your student and school team he/she participates on money order. (Personal checks not accepted.)

Razzle Dazzle Spirit Squad members may pay the cost of their fee and uniform expense through sponsorship from businesses, corporations, and individuals. A sponsorship letter is included online. These donations may provide tax deductible benefits to the donor.

Product sales will be provided through the organization to benefit the individual student. All product sale credits and sponsorship donations must be used for participation in the program and are **not refundable or transferable.**

Additional costs may include, but are not limited to, such items as ticket fees for spectators, at performance events, theme performance props/costumes, and additional fees for use of a practice facility.

Participants will receive complimentary admission to city wide performances **only** when wearing the complete, official team uniform.

Standards

All members of Razzle Dazzle Spirit Squads will be expected to uphold the following standards of conduct at ALL times:

1. Maintain a 2.0 GPA. With the consent of the principal, students will have six weeks to bring up their GPA.

2. Team members will be excused from practices within 10 minutes of scheduled dismissal times. Parents should be available to pick up their students within 15 minutes of scheduled times. Carpooling has been highly successful and convenient for parents and is strongly encouraged. If ride arrangements need to be made, they should be scheduled in advance. Team coaches will stay with students free of charge for up to 15 minutes after practice is dismissed. After 15 minutes, parents will be charged \$1.00 per minute. Please advise your coach with any ride concerns.

3. A demerit system will be used to promote positive communication between parents, team members, and Youth Spirit Squads staff. All demerit warnings will be issued in writing so parents will have the opportunity to help encourage their students to display positive attitudes and actions. Demerits will be used only when disciplinary action is needed. When a member has received five (5) demerits, a warning will be issued. When a member has received ten (10) demerits, he/she will be dismissed from the team. The demerit system is as follows:

- Unexcused absences: 2 demerits
- Improperly dressed at designated time: 1 demerit
- Unacceptable language: 1 demerit
- Disrespectful behavior: 2 demerits
- Tardiness: 1 demerit every 15 minutes
- Possession and/or use of cigarettes, drugs, or alcohol results in an **AUTOMATIC DISMISSAL FROM THE TEAM.**
- Socializing during practice with non-team members: 2 demerits
- Breaking school policies: demerits vary according to severity
- Disregard for instruction: 1 demerit

Questions? Call: 292-8819

