

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

DII National School Spirit Championships: January 30 – February 1, 2026

School size: 1-1399 students

DI National School Spirit Championships: February 6 – 8, 2026

School Size: 1400+ students

WHAT IS IT?

The National School Spirit Championships (NSSC) is the home of the most prestigious cheer and dance championships and introduces a NEW band championship. The two weekends will celebrate athleticism, unity, and tradition, with up to \$75,000 in prizes and awards. NSSC allows your school's cheer and dance teams, bands, and families to travel to Walt Disney World® Resort together to compete and be celebrated at a national level. Your yearbook team is even invited to cover the event through Press Pass Academy!

These two weekends will serve as the home of the **UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship**, **UDA National Dance Team Championship** and introduce the new **National School Band Championship**.

SCHOOL SPIRIT AMPLIFIED

The impact of school spirit is clear: 92% of school principals agree that school spirit is tied to student achievement. Students with higher levels of school spirit are:

- More confident (91%)
- More likely to be a leader (90%)
- Happier (88%)
- More active in their community (87%)
- More fulfilled (73%)

WHY COMPETE?

- **Bonding between students** – Cheerleaders, dancers, band, and yearbook members have the opportunity to come together to create unforgettable memories and foster school spirit.
- **National Recognition** – Your performers and athletes will have the opportunity to be recognized on the national level and these unique performance opportunities give your cheer team, dance team, & band the chance to shine in the spotlight - both individually and together.
- **Community** – The Spirit Program Game Day Divisions emphasize the collaboration and cohesion of your school's spirit programs—cheer, dance, and band—in an entertaining and crowd-effective performance.
- **You already have everything necessary** – These national performances come from traditions your spirit programs are already doing on the sidelines on Friday night.



This is more than just a competition, it's all about collaboration. It's about igniting your school pride and creating a lasting impact that extends far beyond these championships. I encourage you to talk to your cheer coach, dance coach, and band director to make plans today to attend the National School Spirit Championships in 2026.

— DR. CHAD SMITH

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