

MARCHING UNIFORM/CONCERT APPAREL POLICY

Band members will be provided with Concert Apparel (a tuxedo or gown), a Marching Band Uniform, Hanger, Garment Bag, Hat, and Hatbox to use throughout the year at our performances and competitions. Each piece of apparel checked out has a corresponding inventory number which will be recorded along with the student's name to maintain accountability. It is the responsibility of each student to maintain any apparel checked out to them in good condition and return it the same condition it was issued. Any damage or loss will be the responsibility of the student to repair or replace.

REQUIRED UNIFORM PARTS

Concert Band

Gentlemen

Black Tuxedo Jacket, Slacks, Cummerbund (provided by the band)
White tuxedo shirt, bow tie, Black Patent Shoes (Dinkles) – (purchased by students)

Ladies

Evening Gown (provided by school)
Conservative black dress shoes (heels not too high)

Marching Band

Black Bib-type Pants
Uniform Jacket
Gauntlets
Black Shako and Plume
Black and White Gloves (one pair of each purchased by Marching Band students)
Black Patent Shoes (Dinkles)

UNIFORM CARE

Always hang the uniform neatly on its hanger and in its garment bag when not being worn. Do not store your shoes in the garment bag as this may soil the uniform and dramatically reduces the lifespan of the garment bag. **Please never wash the Marching Band Uniform on your own!** There are specific cleaning instructions that must be adhered to in order to ensure they remain in good condition and not following those instructions carefully could ruin it.

Do not alter the uniform without permission from the Uniform Coordinator.

DINKLES SHOES:

1. Inspection will be done before each performance. Please be sure your shoes are clean. A damp cloth and a dry towel should be just fine. Windex also works well.
2. Mark your shoes clearly with your first and last name. Many students lose or misplace their shoes during the year and it is impossible to get them back to their owners unless they are clearly marked. Use a sharpie and write inside on the heel or sole of the shoe.

MARCHING JACKET:

1. Do not put anything in the pockets that might stain or tear them.
2. The gauntlets that go along with the jacket are easy to lose, expensive, entirely your responsibility (\$45/pair replacement cost). Please be careful with these in particular.

SLACKS:

1. Students are responsible for hemming their own pants. If you are not comfortable sewing, please have them done by a seamstress. Have students wear pants with Dinkles marching shoes and are standing at attention. While student is standing at attention, hemmed pants should be 1" from the ground.
2. Please do not use hemming tape or any other adhesive to hem the pants. Needle and thread only so they can be easily re-hemmed each year.

TUXEDOS/GOWNS:

1. Do not wash any of the concert apparel (except the shirts). Everything must be dry cleaned to ensure that it remains serviceable for as long as possible.
2. All tuxedos and Gowns will be checked out to students in the fall after school starts. Once they are issued, they will stay at home until they are checked in at the end of the year.
3. Students are responsible for having their tuxedo or gown professionally dry cleaned before returning it. Please return your concert apparel in the plastic and with the receipt attached.

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WHEN WEARING THE MARCHING BAND UNIFORM

1. A black t-shirt and Gym/Boxer shorts must be worn under the uniform at all times.
2. Jewelry is not allowed while in uniform (including earrings)
3. Remove any nail polish before wearing the uniform
4. Long hair should be pulled back into a ponytail and above the collar.
5. Wear full length black socks. Absolutely no white socks or ankle socks please. Your grade for that performance will be lowered if you are not wearing appropriate dress socks.
6. No eating or drinking (except water) while you are in uniform...ever.

UNIFORM REPLACEMENT COST

The total replacement cost of the tuxedos/concert gowns is approximately \$115. The replacement cost of the Marching Band Uniform is approximately \$350. Students will be held liable for any loss or damage to any part of the uniform while it is assigned to you. It is always the student's responsibility to take extra care to keep track of all assigned uniform parts.

If there are any questions concerning this policy, please contact Mr. Crystal or a uniform committee member. Please sign below indicating you have read this policy and agree to the terms.

I have read the Uniform Policy and agree to be responsible for keeping the uniform in good condition at all times. I understand that I will be held accountable for any damage or lost uniform items.

Print Student Name

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature