Marching Band Uniforms 101

Storage

Always store your uniform properly hung in the zip garment bag provided. Leave the zipper open to air out your uniform. DO NOT store shoes in the garment bag as they are too heavy for the seams. Be sure the cape is properly secured with clothespins; a wrinkled cape is an ugly sight!

Black

Students are required to wear black socks with their uniforms. If a student arrives to performances with socks other than black, black spray paint may be used. Yes, it has been done! Students were provided with black gloves, which can be stored in their hat boxes for safekeeping.

Hair

All students are required to have their hair off the backs of their necks, either by wearing it short or by securing it under their hats. This is a critical problem for boys. Make sure your student has what he/she needs to pull hair up under the hat: hair tie, bobby pins, gel, hairnet or a 'doo rag'. Doo rags can be purchased at Walmart, Rite-Aid, etc.

Jewelry

No visible jewelry is allowed, especially earrings or other piercings. It is best if jewelry is left safely at home as it will be removed on site and there are no guarantees of returning it. Necklaces worn under the uniform are permitted.

Clothing

Students will arrive in uniform for football games and parades. Students will need to wear something that can be worn under the uniform (t-shirt, shorts, etc.) as private changing areas are not always available. Boys: boxer shorts are NOT shorts; we don't want to see your underwear.

Cleanliness

All uniforms are dry cleaned before dispersal to students and we ask that you do your best to keep them clean during the marching season. If need be, pants can be machine washed in cold water and hung to dry. <u>Jackets and capes are to be dry cleaned only</u>. Please try to arrive with clean shoes and gloves. Remember, it's all about having a UNIFORM appearance; it's not about being pretty!

Gloves & Shoes:

Distributed once at no cost to the student. If lost Student will have to pay for the next set. Gloves are \$6 a pair & shoes are \$60.00.

Questions? Contact Monica Palomarez, Uniform Coordinator Phone: 805.458.2474 Email: ahsuniformcoordinator@gmail.com



** IMPORTANT ** ALL UNIFORMS WILL BE COLLECTED

AT THE END OF THE SEASON. IF YOU DO NOT TURN YOURS IN, <u>YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE YOUR UNIFORM DRY CLEANED</u> AT YOUR EXPENSE!

**All pants will not be guaranteed to go back to the same person. If you have paid for hemming and wish to keep the same pants for next season, please see me about it before turning them in.