

UNIFORM CARE GUIDELINES

It is the responsibility of the STUDENT to keep his or her uniform in good condition. Students are financially responsible and will be invoiced for any damage caused to the uniform due to negligence or misuse. Parts include:

Jacket-\$355.00

Pants-\$155.00

Raincoat-\$55.00

Hats & Hatbox-\$70.00

Garment Bag - \$10.00

A neat, clean, **PRESSED** uniform is expected at all times. **DO NOT WASH, TUMBLE DRY, OR IRON YOUR UNIFORM.** Uniforms are to be **DRY-CLEANED ONLY.** It normally costs about \$6.50 to have a uniform cleaned at K's Cleaners on Oak Street, Mt. Carmel. The snap in neckband can and should be laundered after each performance. In order to keep uniforms in top condition the following guidelines/rules must be strictly adhered to:

NO EATING OR DRINKING IN THE FOOTBALL STANDS. This is to prevent stains on the uniform from spills, etc.

TREAT THE UNIFORMS WITH RESPECT—Uniforms are very expensive and are LOANED to the students. Therefore, they should be put on, taken off with care, and **hung properly when not in use.** DO NOT lay your uniform on the ground or floor. The uniform should be on the student or in the garment bag at all times.

GARMENT BAGS—A good quality garment bag is essential. They are used hard and it's better to purchase a good one right away. Also, be sure to use a wooden coat hanger or a heavy plastic hanger. Please do not use wire hangers as they bend and the uniform falls off.

HATS—Every hat comes in a hard plastic storage box. Please keep the hat in the storage box whenever you are not wearing it. It is also important to treat the box with care, as they are plastic and will crack if thrown around.

SHOES AND GLOVES—even though shoes are purchased it is important that they be kept clean. Please check your shoes and laces before any band performance. Gloves should also be checked before and after each game for cleanliness.

ALTERATIONS—It is imperative that uniforms fit properly. Especially pants. If pants are too long, the bottom gets worn which makes it necessary to either patch or cut the bottom off. When we have to cut the bottom off, it makes it difficult to fit another person when you are finished with them. Hems should be folded to size and NEVER cut. **ALTERATIONS ARE DONE FREE OF CHARGE BY THE BAND SEAMSTRESS.**

COLOR GUARD UNIFORMS

COLOR GUARD UNIFORMS should be handled with the same respect as a band uniform.

Color Guard uniforms are to be kept in the supply room next to the Band Room. The only time a uniform should be taken home is to be cleaned.

CLEANING—The new uniforms are hand washable. COLD WATER ONLY!! Pants should be washed separately.

SHOES—Shoes are purchased for about \$26-\$30/pair

CARE & HANDLING OF YOUR UNIFORM

Wearer's Responsibilities

1. Read and understand the complete user care responsibilities contained herein and on the care label inside each uniform garment piece.
2. Do not wash the uniform garment. Professional dry clean only.
3. Do not hand clean in any manner. Professional dry clean only.
4. Do not tumble dry or heat in any manner, such as hand ironing, blow drying, or over a hot stove, a wet uniform garment piece. Hang properly and allow to air dry at ambient conditions. Follow-up promptly after air drying with requisite dry cleaning and/or pressing.
5. Do not contact uniform garment (for the purpose of modifying conditions surrounding use of the garment) with:
 - o antistats,
 - o water/oil proofers,
 - o spot cleaning chemicals,
 - o other topical chemicals such as: bleaches, spray deodorants, perfumes, brighteners, facial makeup, etc.
6. Examine the uniform garment after each use for soiling, stains, etc.
7. Abnormally stained uniform garments should be cleaned as soon as possible after the staining occurs by the approved professional dry cleaner. Do not attempt to hand clean.
8. Do not store uniform garment wet. Follow up as in B4. above.
9. Do not store stained uniform garment for long periods of time such as at the end of the current band use season until the next band use season. Time tends to set stains.
10. Examine the uniform garment before dry cleaning and identify location and type of stain (if possible) to the dry cleaner on delivery of the garment for cleaning.
11. Examine uniform garments at the dry cleaners after cleaning to determine whether or not the identified stains have been removed or if staining has occurred on dry cleaning and/or pressing. Follow up undesirable variances immediately.
12. Do not hand press for touch up. Professional press only.
13. Any unsatisfactory conditions found after all of the above have been followed up rigorously should be referred to the uniform garment manufacturer first.