

Uniform and Grooming Requirements for Marching Band Personnel

1. Check pant hems: 3-inches from the ground with Drillmaster shoes on. **Use black thread.** No tape or staples. Please **do not cut** any part of this uniform (\$500 value); it has many years to go.
2. Jacket sleeves to touch the point of the **V** between thumb and index finger when hands are resting at sides. **Use red thread.**
3. Shoes must be clean with no scuffmarks showing. All members must wear the matching marching band shoes purchased through the uniform committee -- no exceptions, please. Always wear black socks.
4. Spats must be clean and without scuff marks. Use white shoe polish to touch up.
5. White short-sleeved T-shirts and lightweight shorts to be worn under the uniform. This allows students to take off the uniform after the review.
6. Shakos (hats) must be parallel to the ground. Plumes will only be handled by the chaperones.
7. Hair cannot touch the collar. This goes for boys too. **Tip:** wet back-hairline before pulling into a ponytail for a smooth look.) Boys if you have lots of hair, pin it up at home.
8. No makeup, no nail polish (NOT EVEN CLEAR).
9. No jewelry or watches. New ear piercings should be covered with a band aid.
10. **The time to prepare yourself, your uniform and your instrument is before you arrive at the performance. Another tip: pack everything in your garment bag the night before an event. And when an itinerary is posted on the web, print it and pack it the night before.**