

## UNIFORM (MANDATORY) REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **PREPARATION:** All students must wear a pair of DARK bike shorts, BLACK socks that covers at least up to 6 inches above the ankle (no skin showing, please), and a WHITE band t-shirt under the uniform jacket. NO tank tops or colored socks. Students change as a group, and should be properly dressed (with shorts and t-shirts on) for changing among other students.
  
- ✓ **SHOES:** All shoes/shoelaces need to be cleaned, and if needed, polished with black leather shoe polish at home, before reporting for each performance. Please do not use black ink on these leather shoes, as it will create cracks in the leather. Band shoes should NEVER be stored in the uniform bag, and should always be taken home to be cleaned after every performance.  
Hint: I use a damp cloth/sponge with MILD cleaner (409, Fantastik, etc.) to get off the scuff marks and dirt.  
  
Please remember to mark BOTH shoes, on the inside of the tongue (where it won't wear off), with your student's first and last names with a Sharpie. Every year, we have instances when (one or both) shoes get misplaced/lost, or accidentally worn by other students right before a performance – a very frustrating experience! So please make sure you mark those shoes!
  
- ✓ **HAIR:** Should be pinned up off the collar before reporting for a performance. Minor adjustments will be made once the band hat is on. Guys who do not wish to cut their hair will be required to wear a hair net/cap prior to putting on the band hat.
  
- ✓ **PERSONAL HYGIENE:** **ABSOLUTELY NO makeup, perfume/cologne, scented sprays, nail polish, or jewelry, is allowed while in uniform.** Makeup can stain uniforms, and not often removable through dry cleaning. Majority of fragrances/body sprays are alcohol-based, and can damage the wool fibers in the uniform jacket. Also, the scent gets absorbed into the fabric, and also into other uniforms when stored in the uniform bins. Jewelry is prohibited, because no band member should look different from the rest of the band.
  
- ✓ **UNIFORM STORAGE:** No street clothes/shoes or other personal items are to be stored in the uniform bags (we don't want smelly uniforms or uniform bins!). NO band shoes are to be stored in the uniform bag, and should be taken home after each performance to be cleaned (see SHOES above).
  
- ✓ Eating or drinking anything while in uniform is strictly prohibited. Absolutely NO food, beverages, candy, gum, soda, juice, etc. of any type is to be consumed while in uniform. However, students are allowed to drink WATER ONLY, to keep hydrated

We look forward to a fun-filled season, spending many early mornings, late evenings, and long bus rides together, so let's help our students perform at their award-winning best!

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