

Uniform Care Guide

Big Red Marching Band

It is your responsibility to keep your uniform clean and in good repair.

Tunic & Pants: Dry Clean Only!

After each wearing of your uniform, hang it up properly on your assigned band hanger. Remove the uniform from the garment bag as soon as possible after use and let it air out! Do not just let it sit in the garment bag after a performance. Any moisture trapped in the bag will cause mildew which is extremely difficult and expensive to remove (In addition - it stinks!)

The worst enemy of the Band uniform is perspiration – always wear your black band T-shirt, and shorts under your tunic & pants. Next, dirt that is embedded into the material can do permanent damage. Check your uniform regularly. A clean stiff brush usually will remove any dirt that collects on the jackets or pants.

NEVER SET YOUR UNIFORM ON THE GROUND!

If your uniform gets wet, hang on your band hanger & let it air dry. Do not apply heat.

Do not place your shoes inside your garment bag until you have aired them out after each performance. Use the zipper compartment on your garment bag to store your shoes if your bag has one.

If you ever need to press the pants or hem area- never place an iron directly to the fabric. Always use a press cloth.

Raincoat: Do Not Dry Clean!

Machine wash warm. Tumble dry low. Do not: dry clean, bleach or iron.

Please clean throughout the season as necessary – especially for the girls in the guard who wear their hair long with gels and hair spray. These products leave residue on the hood of the raincoats.

Dinkles:

Let your shoes air out after each performance before storing.

If they get dirty, just clean with soap and water or diluted leather cleaners. A shine can be put back on the leather with a car care product such as ArmorAll® or what works really good is ArmorAll® wipes.

If the shoe is scuffed through the finish, only polish the scratched area with the coordinating color.

Shako Hat:

Spot clean with damp cloth with water. Air out after each performance before storing in your shako box. Keep track of your box, it must be returned at the end of the season.

Socks:

Members must wear high ankle or knee length black-black socks. Please make sure the black on the socks are not faded and match the black in the pants. Also, it is important that the socks are snug at the top so that they do not fall down the member's leg while marching. These will get a lot of use throughout the season so buy a few pair.

Gloves:

Wash regularly after each use. Bleach when necessary.

Hanger:

Each band member is assigned a hanger. They must keep it for the entire season. Do not take to the dry cleaners. Always store your uniform on your BRBB hanger. It must be returned at the end of the season. There will be a \$5.00 charge for all lot hangers which will need to be replaced.

Missing buttons, hat straps, chains, and other problems.

If you lose a button or a hat strap or your zipper breaks or you tear (please no!) your uniform, tell one of the uniform moms. We are happy to help make emergency repairs. Just let your band director know or contact the sewing committee or uniform committee directly.

That's about it. Have fun and a great marching season!