

PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Marching Band Uniform Information

The following guidelines have been developed to help you wear your uniform properly, protect its value, and make the check-out and check-in process go smoothly. These guidelines are based on long years of experience working with hundreds of students who are proud of their membership in the Lake Braddock Marching Band.

What you wear, head to toe

Your hat is to be worn squarely on your head, not tipped back to save your bangs or hairstyle.

All hair, for girls and boys, is to be worn off the neck. Please take care of this BEFORE coming to the Closet. Ask your mom, dad, sister, cousins, friends, etc. to help you with this. You may use bobby pins, rubber bands, hair gel, hair spray, hair nets, whatever it takes. We do not have time to play beauty shop before games and competitions and you will be charged for hair services and supplies, if the Closet Moms have to this.

No makeup. None. Not even a little. You will be asked to remove it.

No fingernail polish, French manicures, etc. You will be asked to remove it.

No rings, earrings, necklaces, watches or bracelets. You will be asked to remove them.

A plain black T-shirt and black shorts or a plain white T-shirt and plain white shorts are to be worn under your jacket at all times. No turtlenecks.

Suspenders are to be worn at all times. Even PERCUSSION AND PIT!

Pants are high-wasted and must be pulled up (like Steve Urkle's) to fit properly.

Black pants will be worn for football games. White pants will be worn for competitions.

When wearing your white pants, appropriate white or skin colored undergarments must be worn. Brightly colored clothing, including underwear, will show through white pants. White shorts MUST be worn over your undergarments. White biker shorts seem to work very well as do cheap, plain white boxers.

Wear solid black socks at all times. Sock length should be at least calf high.

Your shoes must be the black, shiny patent leather shoes (the military kind) that are issued through the Closet and must be cleaned and shined for all performances. These will be ordered during band camp. Boys, you will also wear these shoes for Concert Band.

Surviving check-out and check-in

SENIORS HAVE PRIVILEGE. They may cut in line for check-out and check-in of their uniforms. You will be a Senior one day.

Your name, jacket number will be posted on the wall just outside the Closet. Give your jacket number, only, when picking up your uniform. Your hat will also be handed to you along with your uniform.

The number of your hanger and jacket will match. The number of your pants may be different. Do not worry about the difference.

Uniforms must be returned to the Closet in the same manner in which they were issued, pants hung properly on the hanger, jacket placed neatly with the number of your hanger showing. **DO NOT ZIP OR SNAP THE JACKET CLOSED.**

DO NOT REMOVE the suspenders.

If your uniform needs any repairs (snaps unsewn, zippers broken, etc.), or if your uniform becomes visibly soiled or stained (your white pants especially), please tell the Closet Mom immediately.

If your uniform is not on the hanger properly, you will be sent to the end of the line. This causes unnecessary delay for parents or others who are waiting. Please take note of how the pants, etc., are on the hanger the first time you receive them.

Hats are stored upside down, inside the numbered box.

There is a fee for lost or damaged uniforms, suspenders, hangers and garment bags. This fee must be paid before you will be allowed to check-out your uniform for the next event.

As a general rule, uniforms are returned immediately to the band room following football games and competitions. Only for unusual circumstances will you be permitted to take your uniform home. When uniforms are taken from the building for travel to out of town competitions, they must be placed in garment bags, which are provided by the school. Do not put shoes in the garment bags; the garment bags are only for your uniform.

We are here to help you look your best!