UNIFORM GUIDELINES FOR MARCHING AND CONCERT BANDS

Part of the judging at marching band contests and concert band events is the consistent look of the whole band. For this reason, we must make sure the band looks the same down to many details including hair, jewelry, t-shirts, shoes, and socks.

Uniform

- There are times when the band will put uniforms on in school parking lots. Nylon/cotton gym shorts (or leggings for girls) should be worn. These fit best under the uniform. Blue jeans tend to be bulky and may show at the bottom of the uniform.
- T-shirts should be white, gray, or black, but black is the preferable color during marching band season as they do not show under the uniform. No bright colors. Shirts with spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, or high collars that can be seen with the jacket on, are not allowed. The uniforms are sent to the dry cleaner every year in June, and the t-shirts help keep the jacket clean.
- Socks: Plain black socks are required. They must be crew socks or longer. No ankle socks. If socks are forgotten for marching band or concert band, they will be required to wear a pair that band parents collect and put in our leftover/used box.
- Shoes: Band has specific shoes that are worn.

Hair

• Hair should be up off the collar. Please come with long hair pulled back in a ponytail and with bobby pins. Skull caps and hair nets (dark colored to match hat) may be used for putting hair up too. This is for both boys and girls. No ribbons or bright headbands. This might be a good time for a nice, short haircut!

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

- No jewelry including watches, bracelets, rings, earrings, facial rings, or posts. Removal will be requested before marching.
- No fingernail polish.
- No gum or food is allowed while in the uniform. Please eat before coming to the event.

Taking care of uniform

• After all performances, students will hang their pants up on the hanger with the side seams together. The jacket will be placed over the hanger, zipped, and snapped at the top. The shoe bag goes on the outside of the purple bag. Parents will be there to assist and sign you out after each performance.