

## Yosemite High School Band Uniform Care/Wear Guidelines

All paperwork and uniform fees are due before a uniform may be issued. The signing of the Band Contract by the student and parent will acknowledge that you are assuming full responsibility for the uniform checked out to you, which includes replacement in the case of loss (or lost parts) or damage due to negligence.

A complete uniform is issued to each student at the beginning of the school year your uniform will be kept at home where you are to hang the uniform neatly in a safe place. Hats will be turned-in immediately after each performance and will be kept in the individual hatbox assigned to each student in the Band Room unless otherwise instructed by the band director.

The marching uniform consists of:

- Uniform Jacket
- Uniform Pants
- T-shirt (Band t-shirt must be worn under jacket)
- Black dress socks (supplied by the student) No athletic/ankle socks allowed.
- Black marching shoes. (Purchased by the student from the YHS Band.)
- White gloves (1<sup>st</sup> pair provided by director & each additional pair cost \$2.00)
- White plume (handed out & returned before & after each marching performance)
- Band hat, w/hat box (kept in Band room)

It is imperative that the students take care of the current uniform in order for them to last. These uniforms are a major expense that takes several years to save for. Each student is expected to show pride in the YHS Band Uniform by wearing it properly and keeping it clean. When your uniform is issued, you are instructed on how to wear it properly including appropriate hemming of pants. Uniforms should be hung after each performance. It is strongly recommended, that uniforms be dry-cleaned frequently during the football season and hot weather, and as required during the concert season. Students may be asked to have their uniform be cleaned if the director feels it is necessary.

The total cost of replacing a full uniform is approximately \$500.00. It is important that you take care of the uniform. When you turn your uniform in at the end of the school year, it must be turned in the way it was issued to you, on a hanger with all items that were issued and freshly dry-cleaned. We trust that you will care for the uniform the same as if you paid the nearly \$500.00 that the uniform costs. The uniform committee will try its best to accommodate everyone. However, if a student's uniform shows signs that it is not being taken care of properly, the band directors will take steps to handle the situation.

It is very important to understand that when you put on your uniform you are representing our community, our school, and most importantly our band. Remember, the events you participate in are a school function and you are under school rules. In light of this, you must be on your very BEST BEHAVIOR and you are to:

- ✓ Wear the COMPLETE uniform while in public (regardless of how uncomfortable you are). This helps to keep us looking good and keeps the uniform from being lost or damaged.
- ✓ Always wear one of your band T-shirts under your uniform.
- ✓ No eating or drinking (except water), in full uniform except for third quarter break.

**\*IMPORTANT\*** Before any marching performance or practice you should eat and include lots of fluids especially while it is hot. If you feel weak before or during a performance, notify the director, drum major, or section leader immediately

You are NOT to trade pieces of your uniform or bag. Every piece of your uniform and bag is numbered and assigned to you. If you need a different size, please ask the director or a member of the uniform committee.

#### **The wearing of your marching jacket:**

Please make sure before each performance and after dry-cleaning that buttons are attached to your uniform. Shoulder buttons should be on your uniform, and never ever use buttons not issued by the band boosters. Should you lose a button or other item at any time, please find a Uniform Booster Parent and notify them immediately. We can usually fix the problem before any performance. Buttons are available in the band room for purchase if you lose one. All snaps and hooks should be securely fastened. Should you have a jacket in which the arm length is too long, you may alter the hem. If this is necessary, adhere to the following guidelines.

**DO NOT CUT ANY MATERIAL OFF IN ORDER TO SHORTEN THEM AND DO NOT USE IRON IN HEMMING TAPE SUCH AS STITCH WITCHERY. ALWAYS HEM BY HAND (DO NOT USE SEWING MACHINES) Fold up to desired length and whipstitch. (Contact a Uniform Committee Member if you have questions).**

#### **The wearing of your marching hat/shako:**

The marching band student hat is worn with the lowest portion of the brim, level with the bridge of your nose. The hat has an adjustable cord from within the inside folds of the crown. All adjustments should be completed prior to start time for event. The chinstrap is adjustable. It should be worn under the chin, at a comfortable setting. Hat should feel secure on the head. The hat is not to be worn loose and moving on your head. Students must keep up with their hats and have them on before entering the field. Student's hats are numbered and kept in a hatbox assigned to them in the band room uniform closet. Absolutely NO items are to be kept in the hatbox other than the hat. Hat boxes and hats are inspected after each game and should damage occur from improper storage you will be required to pay for replacement costs. Hats will never be taken home by a student unless specified to by the band director.

Students are responsible for taking their hat at each required performance. Failure to have your hat will result in not marching.

Long hair is to be worn up under the hat. No hair-dos of any kind are permitted hanging outside of the hat. Student's hair must not touch the shoulders. No bandannas may be worn under hats. No jewelry should be worn, unless it is a regular size wrist fitting watch. Girls must wear a minimum of make-up. No lipstick and only clear fingernail polish are permitted in any marching performance or band event.

#### **Wearing of the marching plume:**

Students will pick up their plume upon entering the football field or at the start of the parade and return it upon exiting the field or end of parade. These are attached into a notch on the front top of each hat. Use the buddy system to insert plumes. Never rub or pull the feathers in the opposite direction away from prong or the natural position of the feather. These feathers are real and will break or become disfigured.

### **Wearing of the marching gloves:**

**Marching band students are required to wear white gloves provided by the Band. These are worn at each performance on the field or parade. Students must keep up with their gloves and have them on before entering the field. Students will be charged \$2 per pair for additional gloves. These are sold by the Band Boosters throughout the year. Gloves may be washed but some shrinkage or fading may occur. Students are not allowed to march if they do not have gloves.**

### **The wearing of the pants:**

**All band students pants are worn over a tucked in band t-shirt (only), and are zipped up the front. No shorts are to be worn under the pants, unless they are a fitting type, which shows absolutely no bulk. No Jeans are to be worn under pants. The hem of the pants must be 1/8 of an inch from the top of the shoe so that the creases in the pants hang in a straight line. They must not be down the back of the shoe where they could be stepped on. The pants are easily adjusted with the suspenders; however, if an adjustment is necessary in the hem, adhere to these SPECIFIC instructions before altering the hem.**

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### **The wearing of the Band T-Shirt:**

**All band students are required to wear a current year Band T-Shirt under their uniform. This must be tucked in at all times.**

### **Wearing of the Socks/Shoes:**

**All students are required to provide their own pair of black dress socks. No sports/ankle socks are allowed. Socks are available for purchase by the Band Boosters for \$2.00/pair throughout the year. All students are required to wear matching black band shoes No Black Tennis Shoes are permitted. Always make sure they are tied securely for your safety.**

### **Uniform Garment Bags:**

**Garment bags have pockets in which to place a nametag. On the inside of the garment bag is an opening in which a label will be placed. Always make sure that your name is on your garment bag. Sometimes, it might dislodge and is easily replaced. Labels will be issued with a color coding system for traveling on our Band Trailer. This helps in loading and unloading the trailer quickly. T-shirts, socks, gloves, and band shoes are the ONLY items that may be stored in the garment bag.**

Each uniform should be placed on a wooden or sturdy plastic suit hanger (supplied by student), and students should make sure to always hang pants with creases laying flat and smooth through hanger before placing inside their garment bag. Do not leave damp uniforms in the garment bags when you get home after a game. They WILL mildew. Remove the uniform from your garment bag and let it air dry. It is advisable to have it promptly dry-cleaned should it become saturated.