

## Care and Storage of your Marching Band Uniform

The marching band uniform consists of the following pieces:

- Base layer – black compression garments (top and bottom). For most competitions, the students will be changing into their uniforms in our staging area. The snug, stretchy uniform is also not very forgiving. Compression shorts and shirt (tank or short sleeve) are necessary to wear underneath the uniform. These may be acquired at Big 5 or Dick's Sporting Goods locally, or online from Amazon, for a reasonable cost.
- Bibbers – stretchy black overall-type pants that are intended to be worn over the base layers and under the uniform top. These are checked out to students and checked back in at the end of the marching season.
- Uniform top – stretchy long sleeve mock turtleneck top, designed to match the theme of the show. The purchase of the top is part of the marching band fee and is the student's to keep at the end of the marching season.
- Marching shoes – all marchers wear matching black marching shoes. The purchase of these is part of a student's first year marching fees and the BPO will swap them out as students' feet grow.
- Long black socks – it is important that long black socks are worn to ensure that there is no break in color between the pants and shoes.
- Gloves (if applicable) – if used, a pair of gloves will be assigned to your student and should be stored in the bag.

Each student provided a garment bag, where they will store their assigned uniform. The marching shirt and bibbers are to be hung on the hanger, and shoes in the back mesh zippered pocket. Keeping the shoes separate from the rest of the uniform ensures the uniform stays clean. Gloves and extra socks may be kept at the bottom of the main uniform compartment.

Students are responsible for bringing their uniform home for cleaning after each competition and returning it by the following Tuesday. Racks will be available in the band room to return garment bags with clean uniform after every competition.

To care for the uniform, wash the bibbers, base layers, and uniform top in cold water on gentle cycle and hang to dry. This ensures the longevity of the fabric, as heat will damage the spandex.

Once dry, fold the bibbers and hang on the hanger rod like a pair of slacks. Hang the uniform top over the bibbers. Wipe shoes clean and return to the back mesh pocket. See the below picture for an example of what the clean uniform should look like when being returned to the garment bag.



On competition days, the uniforms will be stored on racks in the trailer and transported to the event. It is each student's responsibility to ensure that they have their complete uniform clean and in good condition for each competition. If your student has any issues with their uniform, please make sure to bring to the attention of Mr. Kasper or the BPO to address.