

FOLSOM HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND UNIFORM CARE GUIDE

After uniform fitting sessions, all uniforms **must** be taken home to be hemmed and/or washed then returned to the Band Room Uniform Closet before the end of August. **Please do not keep uniforms at home.**

Shoes are stored in the shoe locker and used for performances only.

Please provide at least **TWO** pairs of black socks that should be kept in your student's garment bag at all times.

Uniforms will need to be taken home periodically during the season to be cleaned.

Hemming Uniform Pants*

- **DO NOT CUT FABRIC!!!** Uniforms are re-used year to year. Your 5' 7" student's uniform may be transferred to a 6' 3" student next year.
- Pant legs are narrow in the bottom, you need to open seam at the sides to hem.
- Sew only with **BLACK THREAD**. Sew by hand with a "light touch". Do not use a sewing machine that leaves a "straight line" seam. This will lose points in competition.
- Pants should reach the top of the shoes. No break or creasing.
- Check through the season for adjustments. Marching Bands are evaluated on appearance when competing. It can mean the difference between 1st and 4th place!!

****If you take your pants to be altered by a professional - bring these instructions along as a reference.***

Uniform Washing Instructions

- The uniform pants and jackets (*detach sequin sash*) are machine washable. Wash them **separately** in cold water on gentle cycle, using a non-chlorine detergent. Never use fabric softener, or color safe bleach. Pants and jacket can be dried on gentle cycle in the dryer (do not over dry) or hung to dry. Hang drying is preferred and will prolong life.
- The **sequin vest and sequin sash** must only be **HAND WASHED** in cold water and hung to dry. Both should be washed as little as possible, they are fragile.
- Gauntlets and gloves should be washed by hand with non-chlorine, gentle detergent such as Woolite. Hang or dry flat.

Note: students should not wear nail polish, earrings, nose rings, lip rings etc. when they compete. Long hair should be secured with clips and rubber bands. No hair or hair apparatus should hang out of the hat. Points may be lost for appearance.

If any questions, please contact the Uniform Mom.