

Marching Band

Summer (hot weather) marching uniform

Khaki-colored shorts, blue band t-shirt, brown belt, white socks and white sneakers. Sneakers can have an emblem (Nike swoosh/ Adidas stripes) as long as it's subtle (blue, gray, black.) Students can wear any khaki-colored shorts that **meet the school dress code**. Shorts can be any shade of khaki or any brand. Carpenter-style shorts are acceptable.

Blue marching uniform

Jacket, bib pants, hat, gauntlets, black socks, white gloves & black shoes. Students wear the summer marching t-shirt & gray athletic shorts under the marching uniform. Plumes are placed on the hats immediately before and removed immediately after performances. The plumes are fragile so volunteers with gloves will place, remove and store them.

Band t-shirt, gray athletic shorts, black socks & white gloves are included in your marching registration fee. Khaki shorts, brown belt, white sneakers, white socks and black marching shoes are not.

Shoes: Black marching shoes must be purchased at registration. Shoes are a separate line item on your registration form. You do not need to reorder them every year if the ones you have are in good condition and still fit.

Uniform Measurements and Fitting: Students will be measured during band registration. Fittings will take place during summer band camp. Every effort is made to properly fit the students. Please understand that there are a finite number of uniforms. Students are fitted according to size and on a seniority basis. Students may request to have the same uniform from year to year but it still must be returned at the end of each season and making a request is not a guarantee that each item is available.

Length of pants: The hem of the pants must be right to, but not touching, the shoe. There should be no break in the crease down the front or back of the pants. Fold the excess fabric inside the pant leg and locate the appropriate snap found on the inside seam to adjust the length. **DO NOT HEM, TAPE, OR CUT THE FABRIC!**



Length of sleeves: The jacket sleeves are also equipped with snaps to set the length.



The sleeves length is to be close to the first thumb knuckle when the arms are down to the side. When holding the instrument in playing position, the hands must be completely exposed. Again, **DO NOT HEM, TAPE, OR CUT THE FABRIC!**

Uniform Care: The uniforms are to be machine washed as needed. The uniforms must last approximately 10 years. If proper care is taken, they should only have to be washed a few times during the marching season. Excessive washing will wear out the fabric. After wearing the uniform, hang it up on the hanger that is issued to you. This will allow the uniform to "breathe." Also, do not store the uniform in the plastic garment bag. This could cause some undesirable things to grow on the uniform. **Garment bags are for transporting, not storing the uniform.**

- **NEVER DRY CLEAN THE BLUE UNIFORM.** The chemicals affect the dye quality.
- Wash the jacket and pants separately on the gentle/knit cycle in cool or warm water; never wash in hot water. Unsnap the cuffs on arms and legs before washing. Use a low-temperature dryer setting. Or hang to dry; the uniform will dry in a short amount of time.
- NEVER use bleach, bleach-enhanced detergent, fabric softener or fabric softener sheets.
- Immediately hang the uniform on the hanger. Fold the pants at the crease, not at the seam.
- If possible, steam the uniform instead of ironing
- NEVER touch an iron to the snaps or buttons or iron over material with snaps or buttons
- The gauntlets can be hand washed but may be machine washed. Wash in cold or warm water in a zippered pillowcase or lingerie bag; lay flat to dry.

- Hats and hat covers should spot cleaned with a damp cloth. Do not use cleaners. Hats/hat covers should not be machine washed.
- If stained, please call the Uniform Coordinator for specific instructions on how to treat and remove the stain. The manufacturer has provided specific directions. Some spot removers will ruin the uniform.
- Only eat and drink items that are given to you by the band. Chili-dogs, spaghetti, nachos, chocolate, and chewing gum are **not** your uniform's friend.
- Do not wear makeup when wearing the uniform. This stains the collar. Do not spray on perfume, colognes, etc. while wearing the uniform.
- ***If your uniform is damaged, lost or destroyed, you will be responsible for replacing all or part of it.***
- Hats are issued in a black plastic box. Students should keep their hat in the box when not wearing it.
- After each time the hat is worn, please open the box to allow the hat to air out.
- Hems can be gently ironed to set the crease. Place a light cloth over the material and steam or iron on a low setting from the inside to prevent a shine or scorching.

White marching uniform, consisting of bib pants and jacket, should be dry cleaned only.

Uniform Returns

The Directors will announce the schedule for returning the uniforms after marching season. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR UNIFORM IN THE BAND HALL. Students should return uniforms during the announced times which will help to mitigate the "but I left it in the band hall, someone must have taken it" issues.

All uniform items are property of LISD and must be returned at the end of each season jacket, pants, left & right gauntlet, hat and hat box. FMHS garment bag, & FMHS hanger. Students are responsible for all uniform items that were issued to them. Turning in parts of someone else's uniform will NOT excuse you from payment for lost items although we certainly appreciate receiving any returned items! Please return your friend's items if you find them.

Replacement costs for lost or damaged items are as follows but are subject to change based on manufacturer pricing.

Jacket	\$145.00	Pants	\$ 60.00
Gauntlets	\$ 35.00/pair	Hat	\$44.00
Hat box	\$6.00	Plume	\$15.00
Garment bag	\$8.50	Hanger	\$5.00

PLUS tax & shipping. Shipping fees are either 7% or \$25.00 per item depending on the size of the total order.

All uniforms must be washed before they are returned. We need the uniforms returned in good condition for checking out the next season. Imagine your child getting a uniform next year that was not washed. *Uniforms with visible evidence of not being washed (makeup/collar stains, dirty gauntlets, spots, etc.) will not be accepted.*

Additional Notes: Color guard has separate guidelines and uniforms. Percussion ensemble (pit) and tuba students do not wear hats. Percussion (pit & battery) do not wear gloves. Some instrument sections will cut part of the fingers off the gloves. See your section leaders for proper glove wear.

Concert Attire

Girls: long black dress, sheer or black hose if worn, black shoes (flat or comfortable heel height)

Boys: Black tux jacket & pants, white wing-collar shirt, black cummerbund & bow tie, black socks & black dress shoes. Students will be given the opportunity to order concert attire usually during their class period. The cost IS NOT INCLUDED in marching season fees. You will be notified of the fitting dates and order forms will be sent out at that time. Black dress shoes are to be provided by the student.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for taking care of your uniform and following these guidelines. Additional volunteers and suggestions are always welcome.

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