

## UNIFORMS

Does it cost anything to have a uniform?	No. Uniforms are provided at no charge.
What is the difference between the blue uniforms and the white uniforms?	The Marching Band uniform consists of a white “blouse” for warm weather performances and a heavy blue coat for cold weather performances. The pants are the same for both seasons.
What uniform is worn for Pep Band?	As 1 <sup>st</sup> year band members, all musicians are issued a navy blue polo shirt with an embroidered band insignia. This is at no cost to the student and may be kept upon the student’s completion of the band program. The type of pants and footwear are up to the students. Jeans and gym shoes are acceptable.
What uniform is worn for Symphonic and Concert Band concerts?	The band provides black tuxedos or black concert dresses for these performing groups. Shirts and bow ties must be provided by the students for the tuxedos.
What uniform is worn for Jazz Band?	No uniform is issued. Boys need to wear dress shirts, ties, and casual pants. Jackets are optional. Girls need to wear something business casual.
How are uniforms distributed?	<p>Marching Band uniforms are distributed in a single evening shortly after the beginning of the school year. Distribution is by year in school with the seniors being first. Special fitting needs are accommodated at the same time. Parent volunteers are utilized.</p> <p>Tuxedos are distributed during the school day later in the year. Adult female volunteers are utilized for fitting concert dresses.</p>
Can I provide my own black concert dress?	Yes. As long as it is in keeping with the style worn by the other musicians. However it is preferred that issued dresses be worn if possible.
What shoes should be worn with the uniforms?	Black shoes must be worn with all Marching Band uniforms, tuxedos, and concert dresses. Black socks are required for the marching band uniforms and tuxedos.

Does the Marching Band wear hats?	Sometimes. The band has hats with plumes. They are worn at the discretion of the director.
Am I responsible for cleaning the uniform?	Generally, no. At the end of the school year, all uniforms, tuxedos, and dresses are collected for professional cleaning and redistribution in the fall. Students who wish to retain their uniform, tuxedo, or black dress for the following school year may do so. However, cleaning then becomes the student's responsibility.
What if the uniform doesn't fit correctly?	Since the uniforms are intended to fit a variety of sizes as well as both boys and girls, not all uniforms will fit perfectly. Special attention is made to fit those who have unique needs. In general, too big is always better than too small.
Can I make alterations to the uniform?	If you are comfortable with minor alterations ... hems etc. this can be done at home (please notify the director first). Uniforms are expensive. Please do not undertake major alterations.
What should I wear under the Marching Band uniform?	This is determined by the weather. Many students wear shorts and T shirts underneath in hot weather so they can remove parts of the uniform and cool down at the end of a performance. In the colder weather, it may be necessary to wear long underwear or layers in order to keep warm while sitting on the aluminum bleachers at football games. Remember, you can remove layers if you are too warm, but you can't add layers you don't have if you are too cold.