

## What to Wear Underneath

Band T-shirt and shorts. Long underwear can be worn in cold weather. **Do not wear jeans** as the uniform pants will be too tight. Sleeveless shirts are not to be worn under the jacket as sweat, deodorant, perfumes/colognes and other cosmetics can damage the fabric.

## Hair, Jewelry & Make-up

Male AND female hair should not touch the collar. Long hair should be worn in a ponytail and/or pinned up and tucked up under the hat. The only acceptable jewelry that can be worn with the uniform are small post earrings or studs. Limit one stud per ear. No hoop and other dangling earrings, watches or rings allowed with uniform. Make-up should be applied sparingly. This will help keep the uniform clean and not attract attention away from the design of the uniform itself.

## What to Store in the Garment Bag

Only the uniform jacket, pants, plume, gauntlets, gloves and socks may be kept in the garment bag due to the thin material of the bag itself. Do not store shoes, small woodwind instruments, drum sticks, flip folders, etc. in the bag.

## Wearing the Uniform Before or After a Performance

Students should take off the jacket and hang it in the band room during third quarter snacks. If the temperature is cold, a coat or sweatshirt may be worn over the pants during the third quarter only. All other times, the jacket and pants are to be zipped, the collar may be unhooked and the hat either worn correctly or tucked under the arm.

**NOTE:** Uniforms will be collected by the uniform parents and taken to the dry-cleaners at the end of the marching season. However, should the uniform become soiled before all games and marching festivals have taken place, the uniform will need to be professionally cleaned prior to the next event at the expense of that student. **A muddy or otherwise soiled uniform is not acceptable for performance.**



If you have questions call Mr. Arata at **314.471.1625**.



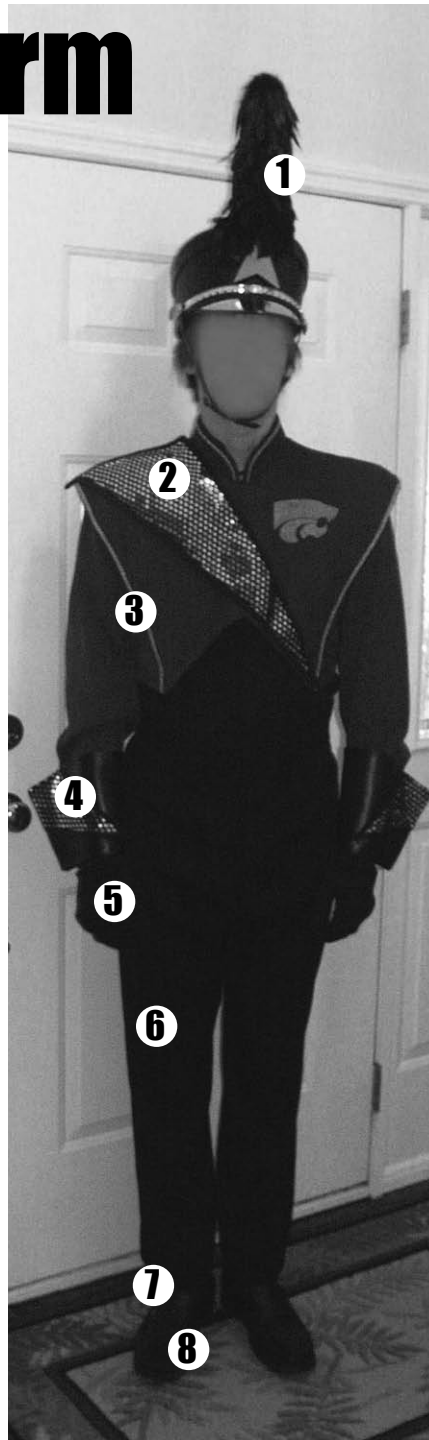
# The "Wear and Care" of the Marching Band Uniform

# The Uniform

**3 Jacket** Zip in back & hook collar. Place on hanger when not worn. Air-dry at home after performance; do not leave in garment bag overnight.

**6 Pants** Adjust shoulder straps so length of pants does not reach past shoes. If strap adjustment is not adequate, pants may be hemmed. Pocket in front for gloves, money, or keys. Match up creases in pant legs and fold neatly over hanger.

**1 Hat & Plume** Mirror attached to hat only with Velcro and not permanently affixed. Gently wipe away fingerprints from mirror with a soft cloth. Hat should be worn so that two fingers can be placed between the bridge of the nose and the brim. **Do not wear the hat backwards.** Strap should be underneath



the chin and tightened so that the hat does not move around but feels comfortable to the wearer. The webbing on the inside of the hat may be adjusted to accommodate hair that needs to be tucked underneath. Gently open and close the hat box so as not to break the plastic clasps. When removing plume from tube, push the metal cup end through the tube so the feathers continue to lay in the right direction. Always insert and remove plume from hat by holding the metal cup. When re-tubing, insert plumes top first so that feathers lay in the right direction. Plume tube should be kept in garment bag pocket.

**4 Gauntlets** There are left and right gauntlets which wrap around the jacket sleeve. Fold the sleeve down before placing the gauntlet over the wrist and pinching the Velcro together. Gauntlets should be worn so that the shiny material faces outward and the "fins" lay flat against the body when arms are held down at the side. Store gauntlets in garment bag pocket.



**2 Baldric** The shiny sash that is worn across the chest is removable for dry-cleaning purposes only. Because the jacket zips in the back, there is no need for the wearer to detach the baldric from the Velcro strip and snap. **Do not remove.**

**5 Gloves** The black cotton gloves with beaded palm can easily be lost. Store either in hat box or garment bag pocket. **Owning as extra pair is a good idea.**

**7 Socks** Only tall black socks are to be worn with the uniform; no anklets and no colors or designs. **Owning as extra pair is a good idea.**



**8 Shoes** Only black marching shoes are to be worn with the uniform. Black or any other color of tennis shoes are not acceptable. Shoes will be clean of dirt and mud prior to each performance and are not to be stored in the garment bag.