

# WAPAKONETA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

## DRESS UNIFORM ETIQUETTE & CARE

- All students participating in the marching band during the football season have been issued a dress uniform that has been carefully fitted to ensure a well-dressed appearance of all of the band's members. Any student experiencing a problem with the fit of their uniform should report the problem immediately to the one of the directors or a chaperone.
- It is extremely important that trouser hems do NOT touch the ground. Suspenders should be adjusted to prevent hems from touching the ground. If you need assistance to properly adjust suspenders, see one of the chaperones.
- Each marching band student's account has been charged a uniform fee of \$25 to cover proper maintenance of the uniforms (alterations, repairs, etc.) and dry cleaning at the end of the marching season. If it becomes necessary to clean the uniform between performances, this is the students' responsibility. **The uniform should be taken to Miller's Corral (pick-up location for Deluxe Cleaners in Defiance). Deluxe Cleaners is familiar with the proper process to clean the uniforms, which is necessary to lengthen the life of the uniforms. Improper cleaning will damage uniforms. Deluxe WILL ensure that uniforms are back in Wapakoneta for pick-up at Miller's Corral Thursday if you drop the uniform off on Monday and let Miller's know you must have it back on Thursday for Friday's football game. UNIFORMS ARE DRY CLEAN ONLY.**
- Rain jackets can be washed in COLD water with a mild detergent if necessary. DO NOT place rain jackets in the dryer. They should be hung up to dry. Excessive washing of the jackets will decrease water repellency, so washings should be kept to a minimum. RAIN JACKETS CANNOT BE DRYCLEANED. Please consult with one of the directors prior to washing a rain jacket yourself.
- Proper uniform attire consists of the uniform trousers, the uniform jacket with red braids at each shoulder, shako hat (berets for tuba players), white gloves, BLACK CREW SOCKS (a must), and black Drillmaster shoes. The jacket should be worn over the summer uniform t-shirt (or section shirt). This will enable students to remove jackets in warm weather and still remain uniform in appearance while helping to protect the uniform jacket from perspiration.
- If, during the marching season, you experience a problem with rips, tears, zippers, buttons, snaps, etc., please report the problem to one of the directors or a chaperone immediately. If you experience a problem on a particular Friday evening, DO NOT wait until the following Friday to inform someone of the problem—there will be no time to resolve problems with rips and tears. **REPORT PROBLEMS AS SOON AS THEY OCCUR** to prevent further damage to the uniform.
- Long hair **MUST** be worn up under the hat.
- If you forget or lose gloves, you will be required to purchase another pair for \$2 prior to a performance.
- Spats will be worn only during Pregame at the home games.
- If a shoulder braid is lost, you will be charged to replace the braid.

- You should ALWAYS bring your rain jacket with you even if the weather appears non-threatening so it is available for use in the event it is needed. You must avoid getting uniforms wet! If uniforms do become wet, uniform parts should be hung separately on hangers in a well-ventilated area until dry.
- Hats and jackets should NOT be taken off at performances unless Mr. Hilleary or Mr. Wimmers has given permission to remove jackets and hats. If permission is given to remove hats and jackets, special attention and care should be given to where these items are placed to prevent them from becoming dirty or damaged.
- The hook at the neck of the jacket must be closed prior to entering the field for a performance.
- After a performance, the uniform should be hung properly on an appropriate hanger to prevent wrinkling. Hanging the uniform properly will maintain the styling of the uniform and will prevent broken collars and creased shoulders. In warm weather especially, uniforms should be aired and dried on hangars after each wearing.
- Plumes for hats will be provided for each student immediately prior to a performance. The plumes should be removed from the hats immediately upon returning to the stands following a performance and placed back in one of the three plume boxes. Do NOT carry the plume back into the stands with you. **YOU** (not the directors or the chaperones) are responsible for putting away your plume!!
- **Following the last football game, you will be required to turn in your uniform immediately following the game prior to going home for the evening.** All uniform pieces (with the exception of braids) have been numbered. These numbers were recorded at the time of issuance, and you are responsible for turning in the trousers, jacket, hat, two braids, and rain jacket you were issued. You will be charged for those items that are not returned or are damaged due to carelessness and lack of responsibility. The replacement cost of a uniform is approximately \$450 (excluding the rain jacket), so it is important that both students and parents understand the potential liability they can encounter if uniforms are lost or damaged.

These guidelines have not been issued to be restrictive but to make wise use of the resources of the band and its booster organization and, of course, to help maintain a well-dressed appearance that is a significant part of Wapakoneta High School's "Pride in Performance." Any questions can be addressed to the Directors.

Mr. Hilleary, WHS Band Director  
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