

STOW-MUNROE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Uniform Guide

Your uniform is a very expensive garment. The SMF Band Parents have spent countless hours of volunteer labor in efforts to raise almost \$100,000 to purchase the new band uniforms. The cost of a uniform totals over \$ 450. Your uniform is an outward sign of membership in one of the finest high school bands in the state of Ohio. **Wear it and care for it with pride!**

The Band Uniform: Your Responsibility.

Students & their parents are financially responsible the issued uniform. This include damage due to accident, negligence or improper use. Please remember that improper transportation and/or storage of uniforms can create mildew damage. In the event a part of the uniform is lost or damaged, the student will be responsible for the replacement. Although each student is charged a user fee of \$35 when they are fitted for a uniform, this fee only covers the cleaning done throughout the year.

The replacement costs for each part of the uniform are:

* Coat \$ 220.00

* Pants \$ 100.00

* Cape \$ 110.00

* Raincoat \$ 75.00

* Hat \$ 50.00

* Cords, Spats and Gloves are purchase by the student from the band parents.

WEARING THE UNIFORM:

HAT: Keep the Hat on Your Head! Don't chew on the chin strap.
Never drop or throw.

CAPE: The cape should always be hung on the uniform to keep it clean and not wrinkled. Make sure to snap the cape on first.

CORDS: Apply the chord next before you button the epaulet.

TOP: Be careful not to stain this part of the uniform. If the sleeves are too long, they may be altered. **HOWEVER NEVER CUT THE MATERIAL.**

PANTS:

* Jeans will not be worn under the uniform pants!!!

* **SUSPENDERS MUST BE WORN UP AT ALL TIMES!!!!**

* PANTS SHOULD BE WORN AT THE LEVEL OF THE DIAPHRAGM (bottom of the rib cage)

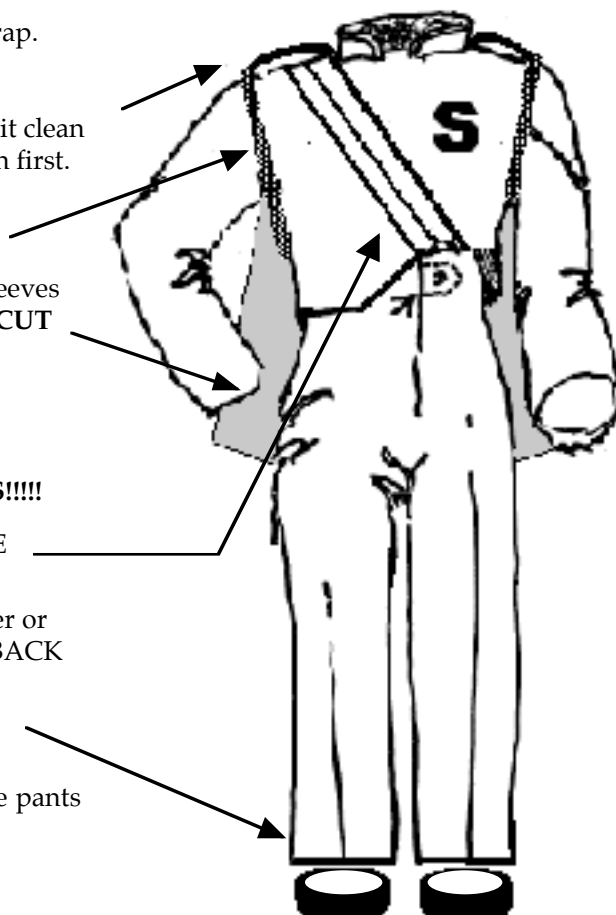
* Zipper strips on sides are used to make the waist larger or smaller. If they come undone, restart from the BACK or FAR side of the zipper strip.

* **PANTS SHOULD HANG ABOVE THE SHOES OR SPATS SO THE PANT LEGS ARE STRAIGHT.**

Walking on the backs of the pants will cause the pants to be destroyed!!!!

SPATS: Snaps always go to the outside.

SHOES: Back oxford polishable shoes, NEVER TENNIS SHOES!!!



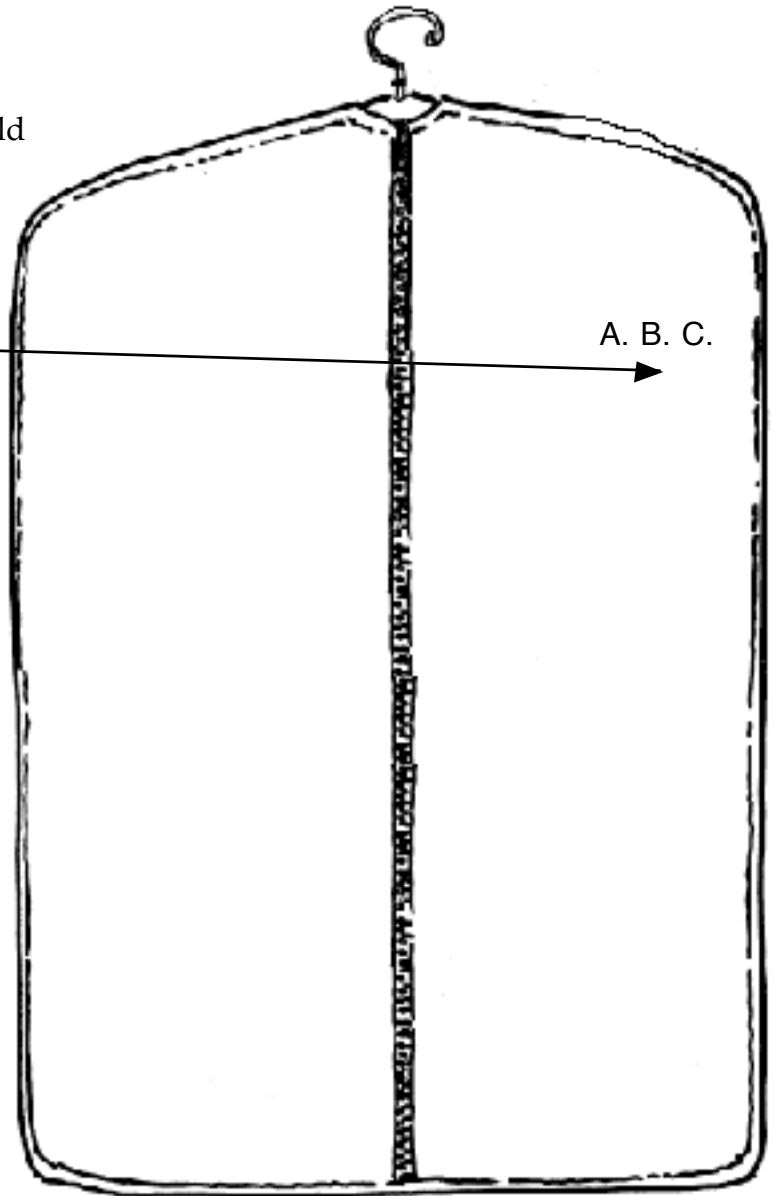
NEVER USE TAPE, STAPLES, SAFETY PINS TO ALTER YOUR UNIFORM!!!! THIS WILL DAMAGE THE MATERIAL. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM SEE THE UNIFORM PEOPLE!!!!

TRANSPORTING YOUR UNIFORM:

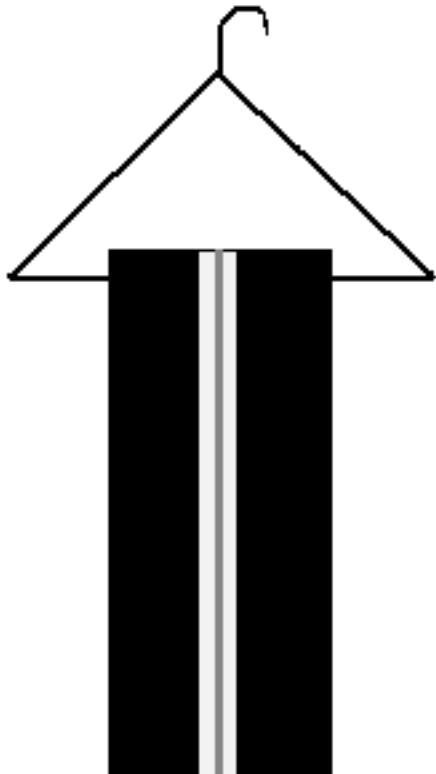
You must always use a garment bag to carry your uniform. It will be hung up properly. (Both Pants and Top) The Cape should be completely fastened to the Top.

If you are not wearing your uniform, it should be in the garment bag and hung. No part of the uniform should ever touch the ground.

Your bag must have your name or initials on the front.



IF THE UNIFORM IS WET
HANG BOTH PARTS
SEPERATELY USING 2
HANGERS OUTSIDE THE
GARMENT BAG!!!



Make sure you hang up your pants correctly by making sure the creases are straight so the side stripe is in the middle of the pant leg and is hanging straight

MARCHING BAND WHAT TO WEAR & WHEN?:

Arriving at the HS or the Pre-Performance Rehearsal

- * Polished Black Shoes, * Black Socks, * Clean White Spats,
- * Uniform Pants * Stow Band T-Shirt.

The T-Shirt must be in good condition, not altered or torn. Majorette dress will be determined by the Majorette Advisor & the Director. Any other items for warmth, (sweatshirts, long underwear, etc.) **must be worn under the Stow Band T-Shirt.** **Long Pants, Jeans will not be worn under the band pants at any time.**

Once Rehearsal is Finished:

Coats, Capes, Hats & Gloves must be put on before lining up for cadences or getting on the bus. Generally, students will not be permitted to carry garment bags on the buses. Exceptions may be made during hot weather or long trips at the discretion of the band directors.

When at a Performance:

- * **You are expected to remain in the complete uniform at all times.** This includes keeping the uniform buttoned and zipped.
- * **Hats should remain on your head with chin straps down.** You may put the strap behind the hat when directed by the directors.
- * **Do not sit on the ground, lean against metal fences or any other items which may damage the uniform.**

SQUAD LEADER INSPECTION

The squad leaders will be responsible for seeing that the group maintains a uniform appearance by performing a uniform inspection before each performance. The inspection will include

- * Clean and pressed pants and jacket.
- * Pants will not break.
- * Polishable black shoes with clean white spats
- * Black Socks
- * If extra clothing is worn, should not be visible. No Turtlenecks
- * Hair tucked inside the hat.
- * All parts of the uniform worn in the intended manner.

PROPER UNIFORM CARE

**** The uniform is wool and may be only professionally dry cleaned. ****

Our drycleaner is Manhattan Dry Cleaning in Alliance.

1. **The Trousers, coat and cape** should be kept clean and pressed at all times.
2. **Uniform pants** Uniform pants should be hemmed to break at the top of the shoe- allowing the pants to hang without creating a fold in the strip on the side of the pants. Suspenders should always be worn up. **Mud should be left to dry then can be brushed away with a clothes brush.**
3. Check shoulder buttons to be sure that they are secure.
4. **The Uniform Pants, Top and Cape can only dry cleaned.**

PROPER UNIFORM CARE.....continued

- 5 **Hats & Spats:** All white areas of the hat may be cleaned with towell sprayed with Fantastic or similar products. Be careful not to get cleaner on the maroon material.
- 6 **Shoes:** should be cleaned and polished for all performances.
- 7 **Spats & Gloves:** must be clean!.
- 8 **Stow Band T-Shirt:** must be freshly washed and free of holes or tears.
9. **Military Cords:** These are your responsibility to keep in good shape.
10. **Raincoat:** Raincoats will be stored at school this year and quartermastered in and out. You are responsible for remembering your number. On performance nights when raincoats are needed, go into the hallway and get your raincoat from your class quartermaster. Once the performance is over, you need to return the same raincoat to the quartermaster.

If you have any problems with your uniform, let a director and/or Mrs. Schueneman know.

UNIFORM LOST & FOUND FINE

If a student leaves any part of their uniform at school after a performance, he/she shall be fined \$5.00 The fine must be paid before the item to be released to the student. All fines collected will be donated to the band activity account & will be used to help defray the costs of band functions.

CONCERT UNIFORMS:

Students will not be wearing uniforms for concerts or contest. Dress for these will be a white button down shirt, black pants, black socks and polished black shoes. Ties for men will be as announced.

CREATING A UNIFORM IMAGE:

Proper Hair Care.

Hair in marching band for both men and women is to be off the collar. Anyone with hair touching the collar will be required to fasten it up with rubber bands before marching. Piling the hair up under the hat is not acceptable. No bows or other hair accessories may be showing outside the hat. Non-Natural hair colors (green, blue, red) must not be visible when in uniform.

Make-Up:

Should be conservative as to fit in with the entire group. No glitter, paw prints, or striking shades are permitted unless the director approves it in advance.

Jewelry:

No jewelry is permitted over top or on the uniform at any time. Earrings should be conservative and small. No large "dangling" type permitted. **NO CANDY NECKLACES!**

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS DO NOT MEET STANDARDS,
YOU WILL NOT PERFORM THAT EVENING.**