

# Uniform Contract

All paperwork is due before a uniform may be issued. The signing of the Uniform Contract by the student and parent will acknowledge that you are assuming full responsibility for the uniform checked out to you, which includes replacement in the case of loss (or lost parts) or damage due to negligence.

## Parts of the Uniform

**The marching uniform distributed by the Band Director consists of:**

- Plume (handed out & returned before & after each marching performance)
- Silver Helmet/Ball Cap
- Uniform Jacket (with Sash, Collar Guard, and Cape)
- Uniform Pants
- Garment Bag, and Hanger
- Clean Black Band Shoes (please see shirt and shoes order form for more information)
- Clean Black Band Gloves (1<sup>st</sup> pair issued during band camp & each additional pair costs \$2.00)

**Items to be purchased\* by the students through an outside vendor:**

- Clean plain black crew socks (no prints or designs, must cover past the ankle)
- Clean black gym shorts, leggings, or boxer brief shorts (fitted)

*\*(These items must be worn when wearing your uniform. If you are unable to purchase any of these items, you must let the band director know before the end of band camp.)*

## Wearing the Uniform

It is very important to understand that when you put on your uniform you are representing our community, our school, and most importantly our band. Remember, the events you participate in are a school function and you are under school rules. In light of this, you must be on your very BEST BEHAVIOR and are to follow the following rules:

- Students are not allowed to eat or drink or chew gum while in uniform, except for water.
- Students must wear the full and complete uniform (regardless of how uncomfortable you are) unless instructed otherwise by the Band Director.
- No inappropriate behavior while in uniform (including but not limited to foul language and inappropriate hand gestures).
- Silver Helmet/Ball Caps are to be worn correctly at all times – Not Backwards.
- Students may not lean or sit on areas not covered by our own covers.
- No public displays of affection (PDA) with anyone while wearing the uniform.
- All hair must be tucked under the helmet/ball cap when wearing it.
- No brightly colored make-up, perfume, or jewelry (including earrings) may be worn while in uniform.

## Storing the Uniform

Each uniform should be placed on the sturdy plastic hanger given to you, and students should make sure to always hang pants with creases lying flat and smooth on the hanger. The uniform should never be stored in your garment bag at home. Storage area should provide ample space to prevent wrinkling and allow moisture to escape. Storage should be “easily accessible” and should be away from any excessive heat. If uniform gets wet, place in a well ventilated area to allow it to dry naturally. Place uniform in garment bag provided only when transporting and do not remove identification label. Please obey the following rules so not to damage any item given to you:

- Only your uniform or change of clothes may be in your garment bag (no shoes).

## Caring for the Uniform

It is imperative that the students take care of the current uniform in order for them to last. Each student is expected to show pride in the Band Uniform by wearing it properly and keeping it clean. When your uniform is issued, you are instructed on how to wear it properly. Uniforms should be hung correctly after each performance. It is strongly recommended, that uniforms be dry-cleaned at least once during the football season. Students may be asked to have their uniform cleaned if the director feels it is necessary. Students are required to turn in a dry-cleaning receipt when turning in the uniforms at the end of the year. Never alter the uniform yourself. We will take it in to our alteration place. The total cost of replacing a full uniform is approximately \$500.00.

**When you turn your uniform in at the end of the school year, it must be turned in the way it was issued to you, on a hanger with all items that were issued and freshly dry-cleaned.**

**Band uniforms are to be professionally dry-cleaned only.**

DO NOT wash or hand clean under any circumstances. Cleaning may need to be done frequently during hot weather months. Check your uniform when you pick it up to make sure buttons are attached. DO NOT hand press, professional press only. Be sure to keep your dry-cleaning receipt after the last dry cleaning of the year.

Make sure you examine your uniform after each use for soiling and stains. Identify location and types of stain (if possible) to dry cleaner on delivery of garment for dry cleaning. All stains must be attended to immediately by a professional dry cleaner. Make sure to examine your uniform at the dry cleaners after dry cleaning to determine whether or not the identified stains have been removed or if staining has occurred.

Do not trade pieces of your uniform or bag. Every piece of your uniform and bag is numbered and assigned to you.

If you need a different size, please ask the director or a member of the uniform committee.

Frequent uniform inspections will be performed to assure the above regulations are followed.

### Dry Cleaning Instructions

The **recommended** dry-cleaners that you may use is Nu-Way Dry Cleaning at 118 Service Drive #14, Brandon, MS. Their phone number is 601-824-1371. They are only charging \$8.00 per uniform, which is a really good deal. I have given them instructions on how to clean these uniforms. The following is instructions on how to take the uniform to the dry cleaners:

- Do not take your garment bag to the cleaners.
- Only wash the sash at the end of the year (unless there is a stain on it).
- Do not take in the helmet.
- The only thing you should take in is the coat (with the cape and neck liner attached) and pants.
- Be respectful to the dry-cleaner. (remember, they are giving us a great deal)

## Returning the Uniform

You must turn in your uniform and garment bag with a current dry cleaning receipt if you move or drop band before the end of the year. Place the uniform in the garment bag issued with uniform and with a current dry cleaning receipt. Failure to do so will result in withholding all records and grades.

End of year uniform return dates will be emailed later in the year. You must turn in your uniform on one of those dates. Failure to do so can result in a lowered grade. The entire uniform and bags must be turned in at the same time. Make sure to check on the next page to see what you are expected to turn in.

### APPROXIMATE REPLACEMENT COST PER ITEM

If for any reason a student loses or damages any part of his or her uniform, he or she will be charged the following replacement costs:

- Helmet \$30
- Plume \$20
- Coat (sash) \$250
- Pants \$100
- Uniform Bag \$20

**PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

# Uniform Contract Agreement Sheet

I understand I am responsible for the uniform and each individual item issued to me. I further understand that I shall be held responsible for the replacement cost of any items that are lost, stolen or damaged while the uniform is in my possession. I agree to have my uniform dry-cleaned after the last performance of the year. I have received and read, The Uniform Contract. I understand the conditions set forth and I promise to keep up the maintenance and cleaning of the uniform as well as storing it properly while not in use. I also promise to return the uniform and all parts promptly when called for if I should move, drop band or at the end of the year. If my uniform is not returned by the required year end due date, I agree to pay the total uniform replacement costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date