

Brentwood High School Marching Band
2022 Important Uniform Information

Each instrumentalist has been issued a Marching Uniform consisting of:

Jacket, Bibbers (pants) and **Gauntlets** (cuffs), Competition **Top**, Competition **Shako**, and Competition **Arm Bands**.

These are provided in a black garment bag along with a shoe bag. Pit members do not wear gauntlets. Sousaphone members wear berets instead of shakos. These items are individually fitted and altered for each member and each item is marked with a specific number. Members are expected to return the same issued items, clean and with the original, sturdy black plastic contoured hanger, in the assigned garment bag, at the end of the season. We encourage you to label items, especially shoes and gauntlets, with blue painter tape, to help with identification. You are responsible for replacing lost or damaged items.

Jacket \$250	Bibber \$50	Gauntlets \$40	Beret \$12	Shoe Bag \$5
	Competition Top: \$140	Competition Shako: \$60		

Competition Uniform

The competition pieces provided to each member consist of the **Bibber**, along with the 3 **Competition** pieces noted above.

Underclothes – Members must wear **black compression shorts**, bike shorts or Spanx type bottoms, and a slim fitting, preferably compression, **black tank top** under their bibbers - *If you have already bought one in white that is okay.* Do not wear clothing that cause lumps or wrinkles under the uniform. Uniform changes can take place on the bus or in public restroom/changing areas. These underclothes allow for modest changing and protect the member in the event of a busted seam or rip.

Shoes – used for both the competition and traditional uniform: Band members order black marching shoes using Charms. These should be kept clean and only be worn when in uniform. **DO NOT PUT SHOES INSIDE THE GARMENT BAG.** The garment bags WILL NOT withstand the weight of the shoes and other clothes/toiletries stored inside and should only be used to carry gloves, socks and gauntlets. Please place shoes in your shoe bag and hang it around the clothes hanger hook **outside** the garment bag. Drawstring bags, canvas tote bags or plastic bags hung around the hanger hook work well to store other items.

Gloves – used for both the competition and traditional uniform: Black cotton gloves are worn by horn line. These are ordered when shoes are ordered. Gloves will need to be washed periodically (at home). Some instruments require that the fingertips be cut off the gloves in order to properly play the instrument. Please order and keep an extra set in your garment bag or band locker in case of loss or in case your initial pair of gloves wears out during the season. If you find you need to buy additional gloves during the uniform season, see a uniform mom.

Socks – used for both the competition and traditional uniform: Members **must wear black crew length socks**, at least mid-way between ankle and knee, when in uniform.

Competition Shakos: Shakos are issued to band members except Sousa's (who wear berets) and Pit. Shakos are numbered and assigned to each member. Pit members should pull back their hair into a pony tail if it is long enough to do so. Shako wearers must wear "shako hair" in a high bun, wear a skull cap or

have their hair cut in order to maintain the uniform look for the marching band. There should be no hair touching the collar or sticking out around face or over the ears. Bring bobby pins, hair elastics, hair gel and any other supplies you need to accomplish this.

Cleaning of Competition Uniforms

In order to protect the longevity of our uniforms and maintain a professional appearance, all uniforms should be dry cleaned regularly during the season. Please have your child's uniform dry cleaned during the week before each competition, at the end of the season before returning, **and** at any additional necessary point. It is critical for all uniforms to be clean and bright so we can look our very best on the field!

Recommended dry cleaners are listed below. Only take the top and bibbers to the dry cleaners. Do not take the other competition pieces for dry cleaning.

DRY CLEAN Uniforms ONLY. DO NOT WASH. Air drying uniforms **outside the garment bag** after wearing and Febreze can extend the time between trips to the dry cleaners, though it is best practice to dry clean them after every competition. If the collar or any other area of the uniform is not clean and bright, it needs to be dry cleaned.

(Saxophones, you may want to invest in a neck strap just for games and competitions to prevent dirty jacket/competition top collars. Also, consider wearing your B pins on your gauntlets instead of the collar to prevent loss.)

Dry Cleaners: Below are two local dry cleaners which most band members use. However, you are not limited to using these establishments. If any of you have been using a different dry cleaners for marching band uniforms which you feel offers competitive pricing with excellent quality, please let us know.

Mr. Cs - ~13

8000 Brooks Chapel Rd.

615-371-9548

Same day service: Drop off before 8:00 AM, returned after 4:00 PM

Brentwood Cleaners - ~15

5008 Maryland Way

615-661-9669

Same day service: Drop off before 9:00 AM, returned after 6:00 PM

Traditional Uniform

Underclothes: Members must wear **black compression shorts**, bike shorts or Spanx type bottoms, and their **band show t-shirt** or other slim fitting black t-shirt or tank under their bibbers. The Band Directors may specify which shirt to wear prior to the event. Please do not wear clothing that cause lumps or wrinkles under the uniform. Uniform changes can take place on the bus or in public restroom/changing areas. These underclothes allow for modest changing and protect the member in the event of a busted seam or rip. UnderArmour-type insulated undergarments work well if the temperatures grow cold towards the end of the season.

All accessories listed above are also included in the traditional uniform, including the shoes, gloves and socks. If the members wear the **traditional shako** with the traditional uniform this year, they will be fitted and assigned later in the season, but are kept in the band trailer. Those who normally wear berets for competition will also wear a beret with the traditional uniform.

Cleaning of Traditional Uniforms

The traditional uniform will also need to be dry cleaned at the end of the season before returning it and all other components. Only take the jacket and bibbers to the dry cleaners.

Do not take the sturdy hanger, gauntlets, the silver snap-on jacket slash or B pins to the cleaners.

Do not remove either crystal "button" (one is on the jacket collar, the other is on the slash).

DRY CLEAN Uniforms ONLY. DO NOT WASH. Gauntlets can be wiped with a damp cloth. Air drying uniforms **outside the garment bag** after wearing and Febreze can extend the time between trips to the dry cleaners.

(Saxophones, you may want to invest in a neck strap just for games and competitions to prevent dirty jacket/competition top collars. Also, consider wearing your B pins on your gauntlets instead of the collar to prevent loss.)

You are recommended to use the same dry cleaners as listed above.

Repairs

If any part of the uniform or garment bag needs to be repaired or re-fitted, please contact a uniform mom. We are happy to help! We want you to feel comfortable and confident and to look your best! Also, in the event you forget a piece of your uniform before a game or competition, see a uniform mom immediately. **Please do not cut fabric or snags on the uniform, and do NOT use an iron directly on the fabric for any reason or it will scorch and melt.**

End of Season

Members must get the competition top, jacket and bibbers dry cleaned one final time.

After dry-cleaning, re-attach the silver jacket slash, or place it in the black garment bag.

Keep the competition top, jacket and bibbers **in the dry cleaning bag with the dry cleaner's receipt still attached.**

Hang them in the black hanging bag.

Put the sturdy black hanger, gauntlets, and empty shoe bag in the smaller zipper compartment.

If the arm bands and/or competition shakos were at any point assigned out to the students, they must also be returned.

Turn in the black hanging bag with all the above components.

Keep your shoes, gloves, flying "B" pins and berets (those who wear berets).

Graduating seniors are invited to keep their shoe bag. If they do not want to keep their shoes, they are invited to donate them if they are in good condition.

If you will be returning for the next season, you may leave your gloves and berets in the smaller zipper compartment, but please wash the gloves first!

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