

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS

Read these instructions very carefully. Remember that YOU are financially responsible for any damage to the uniform.

General Cautions

1. Your uniform should hang at all times. Do not lay flat in your car. Do not leave it in your car overnight
2. Your student was provided with a bottle of Oxydol detergent. This bottle will last the season. Do not use this detergent for other clothing. Do not fill the cap; 1/3 of the cap will be enough per load.
3. Never use any other detergent, fabric softener, bleach, bleach substitute, or bounce sheet with the uniform
4. Never take your uniform home unless instructed to do so.
5. Never wear your uniform in public, unless instructed to do so.
6. Never wash your uniform, unless instructed to do so
7. Never dry clean your uniform
8. Never attempt stain removal on any uniform component without first consulting the director.
9. Do not attempt to wash the gauntlets or shako
10. Always wash bibbers and jacket separately.
11. Never wash your gloves and black socks with uniform components!
12. Never return the uniform to the garment bag until you are sure it is COMPLETELY dry

Washing Instructions

Step 1: Remove the mirror from the jacket (unless it was already)

Step 2: Be sure your washer is completely empty and does not contain bleach or detergent residue

Step 3: Check the sleeves of your jacket. How many buttons are snapped? Write the number in this box:

Step 4: Unbutton both sleeves, turn your jacket inside out, and zip it completely up.

Step 5: Turn your washer to these settings:

- Machine wash COLD, gentle cycle.
- DO NOT USE LIQUID FABRIC SOFTENER of any kind.
- Use only the detergent that we provided (Oxydol). Only fill the cap about 1/3 full and dump into the washer
- Place the jacket (only) in the washer. Do not place the bibbers or any other clothes in the load.

Step 6: when wash cycle completes, move jacket to dryer and use these settings

- Use LOW HEAT, gentle cycle.
- The jacket should still be inside out and zipped in the dryer
- Do not dry any other clothes with the jacket

Step 7: Check the number of snaps on your bibber hem. Write the number here:

Step 8: Unsnap both pant legs, and place the bibbers in the washer

Step 9: Use the same washer settings:

- Machine wash COLD, gentle cycle.
- DO NOT USE LIQUID FABRIC SOFTENER of any kind.
- Use only the detergent that we provided (Oxydol). Only fill the cap about 1/3 full and dump into the washer
- Place the bibbers (only) in the washer. Do not place the jacket or any other clothes in the load.

Step 10: Jacket should be dry by this point. Remove immediately from dryer and turn right-side-out to dry ON HANGER.

Step 11: Consult the top box and re-snap the sleeve buttons of the jacket

Step 11: Move bibber pants from washer, move to dryer and use the same settings:

- Use LOW HEAT, gentle cycle.

Step 12: Consult the bottom box and resnap the bibber hem. Hang bibbers on a separate hanger to finish drying.
Ensure that the crease is observed

Step 13: When pants and jacket are COMPLETELY dry, return to original hanger and zip up in garment bag. Make sure garment bag is hanging all the way from your house to the uniform room at VHS