

Please retain - Care Instructions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

1. **Do not wear boxers or shorts under bib pants.** The bib pants are naturally designed to be form fitting and boxers or shorts may cause unsightly bulges and wrinkles due to fabric shifting. Tight form fitting garments such as compression shorts, Spanx, and Underarmor are great choices.
2. Students must wear their band t-shirt under the uniform jacket. Uniform jackets are also designed to be form-fitting and provide a sleek, tapered look. In colder weather, underarmor coldgear (navy or black) is a great addition.
3. Students must remove their shoes before getting into the pants to avoid ripping out the snaps.
4. No perfume, deodorant, or hair spray should be sprayed on or next to garments. The residue from these items will cause a buildup on the fabric it to lose its luster.
5. **No foundation or powder should be worn**

Laundering

DO NOT DRY CLEAN YOUR UNIFORM

Avoid washing bib pants and jackets together. Wash in cold water gentle /permanent press cycle- Never wash in hot water!

Jackets, bib pants and gauntlets (hook velcro closure together) are made of completely washable polyester-gabardine.

If a stain does occur, sponge with water or treat with an appropriate product before it has time to set and before laundering. See stain removal guide below.

Many detergents are harsh and have a bleaching ingredient that will cause even colorfast fabric to migrate- **please check to make sure your detergent is chlorine free.** You may use "Spray and Wash" and other non-chlorine stain removers when washing.

Do not use liquid fabric softener on band uniforms! A softener sheet may be used in the dryer, however, use only one (1) sheet per dry load (see drying directions below.)

At wash cycle completion place garments in dryer, and dry on cool/permanent press setting. Caution: **Do NOT use a hot dryer setting!** A hot dryer setting will remove the press. When dried on a cool or permanent press setting, uniforms will require very little touch up. Remove

garments from the dryer and place on a hanger immediately. Remember to hook Velcro closure together before laundering.

Pants Pressing:

Touch up pressing on pants may be desired occasionally, or the pants may be professionally pressed after several washings and drying. If the snap-up hem is used, **do not press over seam** where the snap tape is placed. Press creases on front and back of pant and bottom hem.

If you use a professional cleaner for laundering– please give them the instructions posted above.

Quick Reference Stain Guide

REMEMBER – Washable uniforms, like all clothes, can get stained. It is important to remove the stain as soon as possible. This list is enclosed to help you with difficult and unusual types of stains.

BLOT STAINS WITH WATER, SOLVENTS, AND CLEANING AGENTS! Do not rub!

PRE TREAT STAINS BEFORE WASHING - apply stain treatment and scrub with a toothbrush or other like tool before the item is placed in the washing machine. Use regular laundry detergent (without chlorine or reads safe for colors)

A. "Lestoil" – will take out most stains

B. "Simple Green" – For hard to remove grass stains or dirt rings on collars and sleeves. (This product is found in automotive department) We prefer the spray type.

C. "Carbona" – Has a variety of removers called "Stain Devils". Listed below are the different removers.

"Stain Devil" – Make Up and Grass Remover

"Stain Devil" – Blood and Milk Remover

"Stain Devil" – Coffee, Tea and Cola Remover

"Stain Devil" – Chewing Gum and Glue Remover

"Stain Devil" – Ink and Crayon Remover

D. Aerosol hair spray or rubbing alcohol will remove ballpoint ink stain.

E. Waterless hand cleaner like those used in the garage or automotive environments can be used as a pre-treat for grease, oil, tar, or paint. This product dissolves the oil-base stain before it is set in. However, this must be used **BEFORE ANY WATERBASE** treatment.