

# CRHS Band Uniform Care Guide

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**Types of Uniforms.** There are two types of uniforms; the marching band uniform and the concert band/jazz ensemble uniform. The uniforms are the property of the school. Once the uniform is issued, it's the student's responsibility to ensure proper care and upkeep until they are returned.

**Please Take Care of the Uniform.** Should excessive damage occur to the uniform, the student will be charged to repair the damage. This will be in accordance with the actual uniform repair or replacement cost, as appropriate listed in the table below.

**Uniform Numbering.** Each uniform piece has a unique identification number sewn into the garment. Please do not cut off, deface, or change these identification numbers. This number is significant because it is recorded in the contract signed by the student. Students should check all identification numbers to make sure they have been recorded properly. The number assigned must be the number returned.

**Cleaning Fee.** Students must pay a cleaning fee before being fitted for a uniform. This fee pays for the cleaning of the uniform after the student returns it at the end of the year. These are the current CRPBA cleaning fees: Marching Band Uniform: \$6.00, Concert Band Uniform: \$6.00, Combined (Marching and Concert Band Uniforms): 12.00.

All other cleaning tasks during the year--scheduling, dropping off and picking-up pieces from the cleaner, costs for the cleanings, and so forth--are the responsibility of the student.

## Marching Band Uniform

**Appearance at Marching Band Competitions.** Dirty pant legs, shoes, etc., as well as any incomplete or improperly worn uniform parts can result in a lower point score. In addition to the general cleanliness, students must not wear earrings, facial rings, or other visible ornamentation. Students must keep their hair above their shirt collar (stuffed into the hat, as appropriate).

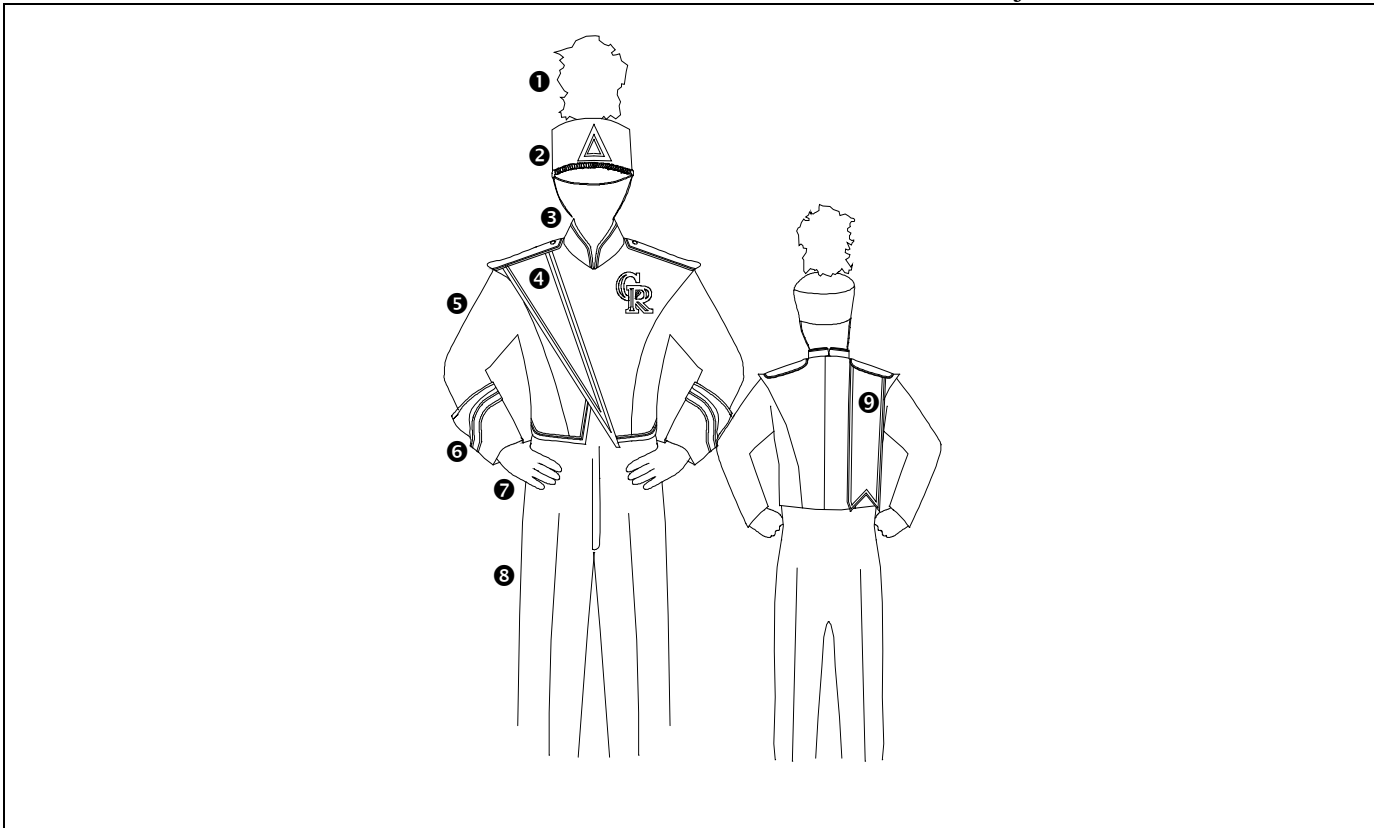
**Alterations.** The bottom of the pant's hems should be three inches from the floor when wearing the black band shoes. When needed, students are responsible for hemming their pants to the appropriate length. Be aware that the length of the pants can be adjusted by lowering or raising the straps. Do not cut the pants, only fold over where desired. If alterations other than hemming of pants are required, the Uniform Committee will give the needed information.

**Hat Boxes and Garment Bags.** Each marching band student is issued a hatbox (which will hold the hat, gloves, and gauntlets) and a garment bag for the uniform. The hatbox and garment bag will have a matching number to make identification easier. Do not place the hat box or shoes in the garment bag; this puts undue stress on the bottom seam of the bag. Likewise, please do not allow the hatbox or garment bag to drag along the ground. Do not mark, alter, or otherwise decorate the hatbox or the garment bag in any way.

**After an Event.** As soon as the uniform is brought home following an event, it should be examined for dirt. If the uniform has become damp, remove it from the bag and allow it to “air out.” Don’t let it set in the garment bag to grow mold.

**If You Take the Uniform to a Dry Cleaner.** Schedule this work so that the jacket will be available for the next performance. Check all uniform parts before leaving the cleaners to make sure all parts are accounted for.

Number one rule: Don’t wait to learn about the condition of the uniform until just before it is needed.



**MARCHING BAND UNIFORM INVENTORY and CARE GUIDE**

No.	Item	Cost	Care
1	Plume	\$9.00	Issued by chaperones just prior to an event. Returned at conclusion of each performance.
2	Hat	\$25.00	Wipe the hat with a damp cloth and a mild cleaning solution regularly, especially the inside of the hat if hairspray or gel is used.
3	Collar Band	\$4.00	After each event, remove the white collar band on the jacket and machine wash. Lay flat to dry and do not dry clean or put them in the dryer – they will shrink.
4	Baldric (sash)	\$35.00	Before each performance, use “Scotch Guard”, or other “water/dirt repellent” spray product. Do not dry clean.
5	Jacket	\$135.00	On a regular basis, dry-clean the uniform jacket. Don’t forget to remove the collar band. Remove the Cape and Baldric before going to the dry cleaners.

6	Gauntlets (pr)	\$12.00	The gauntlets may be cleaned with a damp cloth only. Make sure the hat and gauntlets are dry before storing them in the hatbox.
7	Black Gloves	\$4.00	<b>Student-supplied.</b> Available at B&B Music for about \$3.00 to \$5.00. Good to have a back-up pair.
8	Pants	\$55.00	Before each performance, use “Scotch Guard”, or other “water/dirt repellent” spray product (especially the inside cuff). The pants may be machine washed and hung up to dry. To prolong the life of the pants do not put them in the dryer.
9	Cape	\$35.00	Spot clean. Does not get dry cleaned.
-	Garment Bag	\$14.00	Do not place the hat box or shoes in the garment bag.
-	Hatbox	\$6.00	Store gloves and gauntlets in the hatbox.
-	Shoes	\$20.00- \$30.00	<b>Student-supplied.</b> Regular polishing of shoes will ensure that they will stay in good condition. Available at B&B Music. Tell them you are with the Caesar Rodney Band to get our special price.
-	Black Socks	N/A	<b>Student-supplied.</b> At least mid-calf high.
-	Color Guard	N/A	Re-established each year. Mrs. Sandlin will provide separate care instructions.

Concert band uniforms also include the Jazz Band and Pit Bull members. Since the uniform is worn only a few times, wear and tear is less of an issue. However, as with the marching band uniform, if the concert band uniform becomes soiled, please take care it as soon as possible. Listed below are instructions for care.

CONCERT BAND/JAZZ BAND INVENTORY and CARE GUIDE		
Item	Cost	Care
<b>Men</b>		
Tuxedo Jacket	\$120.00	Dry clean only.
Tuxedo Pants	\$60.00	May be washed and hung to dry or dry cleaned.
Tuxedo Shirt	\$20.00	Machine wash.
Cummerbund	\$10.00	Spot clean.
Tie	\$4.00	Spot clean.
Button Studs (4)	\$2.00	Easy to lose.
Black Shoes	N/A	<b>Student-supplied.</b>
Black Socks	N/A	<b>Student-supplied.</b>
<b>Women</b>		
White Blouse	\$20.00	Machine wash.
Skirt	\$60.00	Machine wash, line dry.
Nylon Socks (nude or black)	N/A	<b>Student-supplied.</b>
Black Dress Shoes (heels not greater than 2 inches)	N/A	<b>Student-supplied.</b>