

Danville High School Band Uniform Policy and Information

General Information

Unless otherwise specified, band members appear at all performances in one of two modes of dress: the marching band uniform or the more formal concert attire. It is the responsibility of each band member to care for and perform in a clean, well-kept uniform or concert attire. A description and guidelines for both are listed below.

Marching Band

Each student is issued a uniform coat, jumpsuit, hat, parka and garment bag. Students are responsible for purchasing black socks. Boosters will purchase specified black band shoes for students, warmer weather polo and black gloves. Students are not permitted to wear any jewelry with the uniform.

- In warmer weather, the students will wear the purple band polo, uniform khaki pants (Your responsibility to purchase), black belt and black band shoes. Purple Band Polo's and the black band shoes will be supplied by boosters. A specified band Hoodie may be added over the polo shirt in the stands.
- In colder weather, the formal black uniform with gloves will be worn. Parkas may be worn over the uniform in the stands only. Hoodies and parkas are not to be worn during performances. Hoodies may NOT be worn under full uniform. Other appropriate layers may be worn to keep warm, but should not stick out at the neck or create a "hump" in the uniform. The Band Director will inform the students of what to wear prior to the performance.

Students are not permitted to trade, share or split any uniform components with any other band member. If a band member needs to exchange a uniform for a different size, they must first have each piece cleaned according to the method listed below in the "Maintaining the Marching Band Uniform" section. Students are to remain in uniform throughout the marching band performance. Hats may be removed in the stands if they can be cared for properly.

Uniform checks will occur prior to each performance. Failure to adhere to the uniform policy is not acceptable and will result in a consequence.

Concert Band

For all non-marching events, formal band attire is worn. This clothing is purchased by each member. This attire consists of the following:

- Males: Buttoned long-sleeved black dress shirt, black dress pants (no black jeans), a black belt, black socks and black shoes (no black sneakers). They will be given a purple tie to wear which must be returned at the end of the concert.
- Females: A discreet black blouse (with appropriate underclothing) with an ankle length A-line or flowing black skirt or black dress slacks (no capri length or yoga pants), - or a solid black dress - and black dress shoes (no black sneakers or flip-flops).

Maintaining the Marching Band Uniform

The marching band uniforms were generously purchased by the School District. It is the responsibility of each band member and his/her parents to help insure that these uniforms last for many years. Our goal is to maintain the look and quality of the uniform not only for the band member, but also for the viewing public. Your cooperation in helping us reach this goal is greatly appreciated!

Cleaning the Uniform Jumpsuit and Coat:

The uniform coat and jumpsuit **MUST** be professionally dry-cleaned. Boosters funds and manages one cleaning at the end of the marching season. These uniforms will now be stored in the band room! You may take it home to have it dry cleaned during the season but must let the band director know. Uniforms that have been exposed to perspiration or stains must not be stored in the garment bag for long periods of time. This may cause permanent damage to the uniform! Do not zip garment bags when wet. Do **NOT** tumble dry or heat in any manner. Do **NOT** use the following on your uniform: antistatic, water/oil proofers, spot cleaning chemicals, bleach, spray deodorant, perfumes, brighteners, or facial makeup.

Cleaning the Parka and Garment Bag:

These items may be hand or machine washed on the delicate cycle in cold water with a mild detergent (Woolite). These items **MUST** be hung to air dry. Parkas must be washed after the last football game. Please allow to air dry thoroughly before storage to prevent mildew.

Cleaning the Hat:

Wipe with a damp cloth to clean. Hats must be kept dry and stored in original plastic case.

Hemming the uniform/band front pants:

The band booster uniform committee will make every effort to issue a properly fitting uniform. However, in some cases, hemming will be necessary to insure a proper fit. Pants/ jumpsuits should be hemmed so that they do not drag on the ground. Walking on the hems of the pants/ jumpsuit will cause serious damage to the uniform (see Neglect of Uniform section). The uniform coat sleeves can be hemmed to achieve a proper fit. When your uniform is returned for inspection and collection, all hems must be returned to their original length (making a note of the original hem length is a good idea). **DO NOT CUT** any part of the uniform!

Returning the Marching Band Uniform

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Neglect of Uniform

If a uniform is damaged because of neglect, the student will be charged the replacement cost of the component minus 10% depreciation per year from date of purchase. Replacement costs for the various pieces vary, but as a reference, the replacement cost for the full marching band uniform is approximately \$322.

Warm Weather Uniform Information!

Freshman

Uniform Khakis will be your responsibility to purchase **by the Preview show**. They will be available to purchase through satin stitches. You may purchase them elsewhere but they must match the ones from Satin Stitches. The Purple Polo is a one-time gift from Band Boosters and yours to keep. Students will receive their polo's during band camp and will be wearing them during the band preview show, the memorial day parade and for any unseasonably warm football games (band director will inform the students what to wear before the game).

Upperclassman

Try your Polo's on prior to band camp to make sure they FIT! If you need to replace an item, ask us during one of the regular uniform hand out days during band camp and we will check through our supply for you and exchange it! If you'd rather buy new, contact Satin Stiches as soon as possible! We will gladly accept you gently used warm weather uniform back if you choose to not keep it after graduation or separation from band.

We appreciate your efforts in caring for your uniform. Student and parent cooperation make the monumental task of distributing, collecting and maintaining the over 800 uniform components much easier!

If you have any questions regarding this policy, the care of your uniform, or any other uniform related question please do not hesitate to contact the Uniform Committee.