

8.0 Band Uniform Guidelines

All students are assigned both a marching uniform and concert attire that is the property of Katy Independent School District. Students are expected to follow the listed uniform guidelines. No variations will be allowed.

8.1 Marching Uniform Guidelines

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The issued marching uniform includes a white marching jacket with a sweat band at the collar, a jacket hanger, black bibber pants, a hat, and a hat box.
2. At the beginning of each school year (usually during summer band) each student will be fitted for uniform parts.
3. The uniforms are stored in the uniform closet in the band hall throughout the year. The hat boxes are stored in the hat box room next to the uniform closet.
4. If a student damages or loses any part of the uniform, the student is responsible and will pay the cost of repair or replacement of the article.
5. In addition to the issued uniform pieces, each student is expected to provide a band t-shirt, a “show” t-shirt, a polo shirt, black marching shoes, black socks, a garment bag, a rain poncho, luggage tags, and a tote. To insure complete uniformity, these items are sold through the band booster organization from a specific supplier. All students are expected to purchase these items on “Money Day” at the beginning of the school year. Students are also required to have light weight athletic-type shorts which one can purchase on your own.

CHECK-OUT / CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

1. The assigned parts of the uniform will be checked-out to each student before each performance at a specific time designated by the band director. **Be on time!**
2. The uniforms will be checked-in immediately after each performance upon return to the band hall. Only properly hung uniforms will be accepted at check-in.
3. Students who fail to follow the appropriate check-out / check-in procedures will be dealt with by the band director.

CLEANING

1. The uniforms will be professionally dry-cleaned through out the year as determined by the band director and uniform chairman.
2. Each student is required to pay a “uniform cleaning fee” on “Money Day” at the beginning of each year to cover this cost.
3. Under NO circumstances should a student ever take one’s uniform to the cleaners without expressed permission from the band director or uniform chairman.

DONNING THE UNIFORM

1. Always wear and treat you uniform with pride.
2. The uniform should be worn as a complete unit at all times when in public. The only exception to this will be when a director instructs students to remove hat and/or jacket.

3. The following checklist should be used when preparing for a performance:
 - garment bag
 - black socks
 - black marching shoes
 - light weight shorts (which are worn underneath bibbers)
 - black bibber pants
 - Cougar band t-shirt (gray t-shirt) (which is worn underneath bibbers)
 - white jacket on hanger with attached sweat band at collar
 - hat
 - rain poncho
 - hat box (with hat and neatly folded poncho inside)
4. Hair is to be worn up and under the hat if hair is below the collar whether male or female. Students can use hair-colored pins, clips, rubber bands, etc...but no ribbons. Natural hair colors will be the only style of color accepted.
5. No jewelry including watches, earrings, necklaces, etc... is allowed.
6. No make-up or fingernail polish is allowed.

8.2 Casual Uniform Guidelines

When stipulated by the band director, students may wear casual attire. The casual uniform consists of the following:

- polo shirt or “show” t-shirt (determined by band director)
- shirt must be tucked in
- denim shorts, capris or blue jeans (determined by band director)
- black socks and black marching shoes OR tennis shoes when appropriate and approved by band director

8.3 Concert Attire Guidelines for MALE Students

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The issued male attire includes a black tuxedo coat and pant, tuxedo hanger, black cummerbund, and black bowtie.
2. In the autumn each student will be fitted for their concert attire.
3. The tuxedos are stored in the uniform closet in the band hall throughout the year.
4. If a student damages or loses any part of the uniform, including the hanger, the student is responsible and will pay the cost of repair or replacement of the article.
5. In addition to the issued attire, each student is expected to provide the additional required accoutrements of a white tuxedo shirt (1/4” pleats) of good quality, black socks and black shoes. A male student may wear his black marching shoes if they are polished and in good condition.

ALTERATIONS

1. Each student is responsible for having the required alterations, if necessary, on their garments. The tuxedo pant for male students will be marked appropriately.
2. The pant may be taken to an alterations business or sewn by parent. Do not cut the pant hem in any way without permission from the uniform chairman. NO “shirt-tail” style hems are allowed. No permanent alterations are to be made since the pant will be reassigned year after year.

CHECK-OUT / CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

1. The tuxedos will be checked-out to each student before each performance at a specific time designated by the band director. **Be on time!**
2. The tuxedos will be checked-in immediately after each performance upon return to the band hall OR at a designated time set by the band director/uniform chairman. Only properly hung tuxedos will be accepted at check-in.
3. Students who fail to follow the appropriate check-out / check-in procedures will be dealt with by the band director.

CLEANING

1. The tuxedos will be professionally dry-cleaned through out the year as determined by the band director and uniform chairman.
2. Each student is required to pay a “uniform cleaning fee” on “Money Day” at the beginning of each year to cover this cost.
3. Under NO circumstances should a student ever take one’s tuxedo to the cleaners without expressed permission from the band director or uniform chairman.

DONNING THE TUXEDO

1. Always wear and treat you tuxedo with pride.
2. The tuxedo should be worn as a complete unit at all times when in public. The only exception to this will be when a director instructs students to remove the coat due to heat or unloading/loading instruments.
3. The following checklist should be used when preparing for a performance:
 - garment bag, if necessary
 - black socks
 - black formal shoes
 - white tuxedo shirt
 - cummerbund
 - bowtie
 - black tuxedo on hanger
4. No jewelry including watches, earrings, necklaces, etc... is allowed.

8.4 Concert Attire Guidelines for FEMALE Students

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The issued female attire is a black formal dress and hanger.
2. In the autumn each student will be fitted for their concert attire.

3. The dresses are stored in the uniform closet in the band hall throughout the year.
4. If a student damages or loses any part of the uniform, including the hanger, the student is responsible and will pay the cost of repair or replacement of the article.
5. In addition to the issued attire, each female student is expected to provide the additional required accoutrements of black, formal, closed-toe shoes with heel not to exceed 2", black or off-black stockings/panty hose/knee highs, and black undergarments which must be worn due to the low-cut back of the dress.

ALTERATIONS

1. Each student is responsible for having the required alterations, if necessary, on their garments. The dresses are to be hemmed 2" from the floor while in their concert attire shoes or where marked appropriately.
2. The dress may be taken to an alterations business or sewn by parent. Do not cut the dress hem in any way without permission from the uniform chairman. NO "shirt-tail" style hems are allowed. No permanent alterations are to be made since the dress will be reassigned year after year.

CHECK-OUT / CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

1. The dresses will be checked-out to each student before each performance at a specific time designated by the band director. **Be on time!**
2. The dresses will be checked-in immediately after each performance upon return to the band hall OR at a designated time set by the band director/uniform chairman. Only properly hung dresses will be accepted at check-in.
3. Students who fail to follow the appropriate check-out / check-in procedures will be dealt with by the band director.

CLEANING

1. The dresses will be professionally dry-cleaned through out the year as determined by the band director and uniform chairman.
2. Each student is required to pay a "uniform cleaning fee" on "Money Day" at the beginning of each year to cover this cost.
3. Under NO circumstances should a student ever take one's dress to the cleaners without expressed permission from the band director or uniform chairman.

DONNING THE CONCERT DRESS

1. Always wear and treat you dress with pride.
2. The following checklist should be used when preparing for a performance:
 - garment bag, if necessary
 - black hose/stockings/knee highs
 - black, formal, closed-toe shoes
 - black undergarments
 - black formal concert dress on hanger
3. Hair may be worn up or down. Students can use hair-colored pins, clips, rubber bands, etc...but no ribbons. Natural hair colors will be the only style of color accepted.
4. No jewelry including watches, earrings, necklaces, etc... is allowed with the exception of post earrings (studs).

5. Clear fingernail polish is allowed.
6. No make-up except for **waterproof** mascara is allowed.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Lanham, uniform chairman, at 281-395-2341 or Michael Ouellette, CRHS band director at 281-237-5046.