



Millard North Marching Band

Uniform Wear and Care

The Millard School District made a major investment with the purchase of new uniforms in 2017. It is each band student's responsibility to keep the uniforms in the best shape possible for current and future band members.



If a uniform is lost or becomes damaged, the student and parent/guardian may be held responsible for the cost of replacement of the items. If you have any questions about the care of your uniform, or if you need to trade for a different size, please contact Katie Circo, Uniform Coordinator.

Updated Uniform Costs
in 2023

Jacket	\$225.90
Jacket sash	\$71.40
Bib Trousers	\$105.30
Shako hat	\$70.68
Shako mirror	\$16.80
Hat box	\$14.16
Gauntlet cuffs	\$80.04
Garment bag	\$22.75
Total:	\$607.03

WARNING! These uniforms require special care and handling. It is every student's responsibility to treat the uniform with the utmost care and respect. Please read the care information below and keep a copy of this available for reference during the marching band season.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Returned?</u>	<u>Care Instructions</u>
Garment bag	Each student's garment bag has his/her name and identification information listed on the front label. The Pants and Marching Jacket should be stored on hangers in the bag. Shoes (but not the shoe box) should be stored in the shoe pouch.	At the end of the school year	Wipe clean with damp cloth as needed
Show T-shirt	Each student receives 1 show shirt. Show t-shirts are part of the uniform and are to be worn to each event under Marching Jacket & Pants.	No	Clean between use, as with normal laundry.
Marching pants (bibbers)	Pants should be stored properly, with the legs hanging over the provided hanger. Hang pants with creases matched and pants flat on hanger. The pants were hemmed at the appropriate length with the band shoes. At competitions you must wear shorts or leggings.	At the end of the school year	Carefully hang uniform on the hanger provided to maintain its proper shape. This will help keep the uniform from being damaged and as wrinkle-free as possible. <u>Dry cleaned</u> - Students will likely need to have their uniforms cleaned (at your own cost) at least once during the marching season. See information below.

<p>Marching jacket</p>	<p>The Marching Jacket is hung with the <u>hanger number facing front</u>; jacket should be zipped. When not being worn, it should be hanging inside the student's garment bag.</p> 	<p>At the end of the school year</p>	<p>Carefully hang uniform on the hanger provided to maintain its proper shape. This will help keep the uniform from being damaged and as wrinkle-free as possible. <u>Dry cleaned</u> - Students will likely need to have their uniforms cleaned (at your own cost) at least once during the marching season. See information below.</p>
<p>Shako (hat)</p>	<p>Shako should be kept in the hat box with the hat upright. Should NOT be left resting on its top as it degrades the fabric of the hat.</p> 	<p>At the end of the school year</p>	<p>Open the hat box (at home) to air out shako, gloves, and gauntlets.</p>
<p>Gauntlets</p>	<p>Should be kept in the hat box.</p>	<p>At the end of the school year</p>	<p>Gauntlets cannot be laundered. Spot cleaning only! Let them air dry occasionally.</p>
<p>Gloves</p>	<p>Should be kept in the hat box.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Gloves may be washed and dried at home on gentle cycle.</p>
<p>Socks</p>	<p>Students receive 1 pairs of each of the below black socks: <u>Ankle socks</u> (to be worn with polo/shorts) <u>Crew socks</u> (to be worn with the Marching uniform)</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Clean between use, as with normal laundry.</p>
<p>Drillmasters (Shoes)</p>	<p>Students must wear their marching shoes each time the uniform is worn. Students are required to keep the shoes in the garment bag shoe pouch when not being worn. Please do not put the shoes in the main portion of the garment bags. IMPORTANT: Keep the shoe box. You will need to store your shoes in the box after marching season.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p><u>Clean prior to each performance.</u> Use Armor All Leather wipes or a damp cloth to clean leather tops and soles.</p>
<p>Polo</p>	<p>For parades and usually one or two home football games, the marching band wears their "Pep Band" outfit. This consists of the blue polo and black shorts.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Clean between use, as with normal laundry.</p>

Shorts	For parades and usually one or two home football games, the marching band wears their “Pep Band” outfit. This consists of the blue polo and black shorts	No	Clean between use, as with normal laundry.
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IMPORTANT: Uniforms must be aired out after each performance! - Unzip the garment bag--even better, take garment bag off to let uniform air out even more. Moisture from perspiration can cause serious damage.

***Do not leave the marching uniform in the trunk of a vehicle! Take it out of the car.**

Dry Cleaning

****Remove/unsnap the silver sash** from the uniform jacket before bringing it to be dry cleaned.

Hang it on the jacket hanger and leave both at home.

Max I Walker is the only approved dry cleaner - Students **will likely need** to have their uniforms cleaned (at your own cost) at least once during the marching season. Max I Walker can normally get it cleaned in 1-2 days for a cost of around \$12.

Never iron any uniform part – Improper pressing can easily cause damage. Please remind dry cleaner not to iron uniform – steam pressing only.

Transporting Uniforms - Uniforms are to be transported in the uniforms bag except for football games. **Do not put shoes in the interior of the bag;** shoes may go in the outside zipper pouch. Never carry items in the hat box which may damage the shako (hat) or gauntlets (no food, drink, chapstick, nail clippers, pen or pencil, etc.).

If Uniform Gets Wet – Hang uniform pieces separately and allow to air dry in a well-ventilated room at room temperature until completely dry. Do not dry uniform overheat and **never** put in dryer. **Never store a wet or stained uniform in the bag.** Once dry, take to a dry cleaner if needed.

Never iron, blow dry, or tumble dry any part of the uniform.

Do not store uniform or uniform bag in a closet with moth balls.

Never cut ANY material from the uniform. Never do alterations to the uniform. Contact the Uniform Coordinator to arrange for help from a professional seamstress.

What to Wear with Marching Uniforms - Wear “show shirt” (no tank tops, sleeveless style, V-neck, or brightly colored shirts). Wear lightweight shorts underneath (NOT cargo shorts); leggings are fine in colder months (**NOT** bulky sweatpants and **NEVER** jeans). Black Drillmasters and crew-length black socks are worn with the marching uniform. Hair must be up inside shako. No jewelry or

watches. No nail polish. Little if any make-up—NO foundation because it can get on the jacket collar. After football games, the Marching uniform **MUST** be hung up properly in the uniform bag.

Pep Band/Parade uniforms

Drillmaster shoes and the ankle-length all black socks. No gloves are worn. Hair should be pulled back from face (braids or ponytails).

*March-a-Thon: students wear blue polo, black shorts, and their own comfortable tennis shoes.

Uniform Return

Students will return band uniforms at the **END** of the school year—Students are expected to keep uniforms in GOOD condition until uniform return. Look for communication from myself or Mr. Placek about the date of the return. What needs to be returned?

- Marching Uniform in garment bag with jacket hanger
- Hat box with gauntlets and shako

Items that we don't need back:

- Drillmasters (shoes)
- Socks
- Gloves/hair ties
- Summer uniform (polo & shorts)

Don't hesitate to contact the Band Uniform Coordinator with ANY questions or concerns.

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