



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 the uniform, or if you need to trade for a different size, please contact the Uniforms Coordinator.

New Uniform Costs in 2017

Jacket	\$188.25
Jacket Sash	\$ 59.50
Bib Trousers	\$ 87.75
Shako Hat	\$ 58.90
Shako Mirror	\$ 14.00
Hat Box	\$ 11.80
Gauntlet cuffs	\$ 66.70
Garment Bag	<u>\$ 18.95</u>
TOTAL:	\$505.85

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.

Open the hat box (at home) to air out shako, gloves, and gauntlets.

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

Hang up your uniform! - Carefully hang uniform on the heavy hanger provided (out of the uniform bag!) to maintain its proper shape. This will help keep the uniform from being damaged and as wrinkle-free as possible. Hang pants with creases matched and pants flat on hanger. Jackets are hung with the hanger number facing front; jacket should be zipped.

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. Don't forget to re-snap it (shiny buttons to the top); ask uniform moms or chaperones for help snapping it back on if needed.

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 \$15.

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. Do not put shoes in the interior of the bag; shoes may go in the outside zipper pouch. Gauntlets and gloves should be kept in the hat box. 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.).

Gloves & Gauntlets - Gloves may be washed and dried at home on gentle cycle. Gauntlets cannot be laundered. Spot cleaning only! Let them air dry occasionally.

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 over heat 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, or v-neck shirts). Wear lightweight shorts underneath (NOT cargo shorts); leggings are fine in colder months (NOT bulky sweat pants 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.

Pep Band/Parade uniforms – For parades and possibly one home football game, the marching band wears their “Pep Band” outfit. This consists of the blue polo and black shorts purchased at Uniform Fittings, as well as black Drillmaster shoes and the ankle-length all black socks.

No gloves are worn. Hair should be pulled back from face.

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

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