

Marching Band Uniform Care (End of Season)

Garment Preparation

- ❑ Remove jacket and bib pants from bag.
- ❑ **Gauntlets, gold inlay and gold cape should not be laundered.**
- ❑ **Clean Garment Bag** – remove non-uniform items – hair ties, socks, etc. (Wipe inside of bag with all-purpose cleaner and paper towel.)

Washing

- ❑ Make sure all zippers are zipped and Velcro is attached prior to washing. Hems in the pants and jacket should be unsnapped. Turn both pieces inside-out for washing.
- ❑ **Avoid washing bib pants and jackets together.**
- ❑ **Always wash dark with dark colors.**
- ❑ Machine **wash on gentle/knit cycle.**
- ❑ **Wash in cold water only.** NEVER wash in hot water.
- ❑ Use only **non-chlorine** detergent. Any bleaching ingredient will damage colorfast fabric.
- ❑ If stained (such as white cording around collar), sponge with water or “Spray and Wash” or other non-chlorine stain remover prior to laundering. (Gently scrub with toothbrush if necessary.) “Simple Green” Non-Chlorine Bleach works well.
- ❑ **DO NOT use fabric softener.**

Drying

- ❑ Tumble Dry on low/cool setting. Remove promptly.
- ❑ Uniforms will require very little touch up with iron if dried in this manner.
- ❑ If touch up with iron is necessary, **iron inside out or with a pressing cloth**--direct ironing will create a bad shine on the uniform.
- ❑ Replace cape. **Do not replace insert. Leave in the bag.**
- ❑ Keep bibbers and jacket hems unsnapped. Uniforms will be sized again next summer.
- ❑ Place bibbers (inside-out) and jacket (right side out) on hanger and return to garment bag.
- ❑ Confirm gauntlets are in garment bag.

Return to school within one week – no later than December 17

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