

# Jupiter High School Marching Band Uniform Care Instructions

Each band member is responsible for taking care of his/her uniform. Band members are responsible for cleaning, storing and caring for their uniforms until uniforms are returned to the school.

All pieces listed below are the property of Jupiter High School Band. They must be returned clean and in good condition and in the designated return timeframe.

## Cleaning Uniform Pieces

*A complete list of uniform pieces owned by the band is listed below. Not all pieces are used each year.*

### Instrumentalists

*Bibbers (overall pants):* May be dry cleaned; however, to save costs, they can be machine washed on **GENTLE** cycle in **COLD** water. This prolongs the life and color of the fabric. In addition, they should be **HUNG UP TO DRY**, not placed in the dryer. This preserves the original crease down the front of the bibbers.

*Long-sleeved Top:* **HAND WASH** in **COLD** water and **LINE DRY**.

*Sleeveless Jacket:* **HAND WASH** or **MACHINE WASH** on **GENTLE CYCLE** in **COLD** water and **LINE DRY**.

*Shako (hat):* Should be wiped with a disinfectant wipe after use.

*Shako Wrap (goes around marching band hat):* Instructions to follow if/when distributed.

### Color Guard Members

*Color Guard Costumes:* **HAND WASH** in **COLD** water and **LINE DRY**.

## Altering Uniform Pieces

ONLY Instrumentalist Bibbers can be altered by adjusting the hem (see instructions at bottom). Absolutely NO OTHER ALTERATIONS of uniform pieces are permitted.

- Do NOT cut or remove tags
- Do NOT change the sleeve length
- Do NOT cut the neck
- Do NOT write your name on any part of the uniform – only Uniform Team Parents are permitted to write on uniforms

If uniforms do not fit properly, contact a Uniform Team Parent.

## Storing Uniform Pieces

All uniform pieces should be stored in the garment bag provided by the band. Replacement garment bags are available from the Uniform Team.

*Bibbers* should ALWAYS be stored on a strong clothes hanger so that the crease is maintained on the sides of the pants AND in a garment bag after cleaning. Uniform parents have shown students how to properly hang the bibbers, but please show your student and reinforce this practice at home.

*Sleeveless Jackets* and *Long-sleeved Tops* should also be hung on hangers and stored in garment bag.

*Shakos* should only be stored in the shako box provided by the band. Do NOT store any other items in the shako box – no keys, gloves, etc.

*Shako Wraps* should be stored on pants/skirt hanger upside down so that the base of the wrap is clipped into the hanger. Do NOT store the shako wrap on the shako in the shako box.

Do NOT store Vipers (marching shoes) in the same compartment of the garment bag as clothing. Use the zipper compartment on the back of the garment bag to store Vipers.

*Color Guard Costumes* should be hung on hangers.

## **Uniform Return Instructions**

Uniform return dates and cleaning instructions will be announced via email. Some uniform parts MAY REQUIRE dry cleaning prior to return. These pieces must be returned IN dry cleaning bags WITH dry cleaning RECEIPT attached as proof of cleaning.

Students who do not turn in uniforms on time may be placed on the school's obligation list. *Late fees may be accrued at \$2.00 per day if uniforms are not returned on time.*

## **Special Instructions for Fitting Bibbers**

The bibbers you receive may need to have the pants length altered. Bibbers have an unfinished bottom and must be hemmed. Bibbers that were worn previously by another student may need to be hemmed shorter or the hem may need to be let down.

The proper pant length for our uniforms is such that the pant touches the top of the shoe. The pant leg should touch lightly enough so that the crease line in the leg does not buckle or bend. To adjust the length of the pants, first adjust the torso length from the shoulder to the crotch of the pant by adjusting the suspender straps, high and tight. Then adjust the length of the pant leg to just reach the top of the shoe. The pant leg length should be adjusted only after the straps have been adjusted. To adjust the leg length, take the hem completely down and then hem the pant to the proper length.

**DO NOT CUT OFF FABRIC** to hem bibbers. These bibbers will be used by others in the future and the extra length may be needed for a taller student. **DO NOT CUT** the pant legs to shorten them, no matter how long they are, and no matter how large the hem is.

**DO NOT USE HEM TAPE OR OTHER ADHESIVE** to hem bibbers. Hem tape ruins the fabric. Use only needle and thread, with a light stitch to hem them.

The band will try to have volunteers available to make bibber adjustments, but ultimately each band member is responsible for alterations. If you have difficulty getting this done, contact one of the uniform parents listed below. We have had good experience with this company: *Alterations by Yen, 75 East Indiantown Rd, Suite 601, Jupiter, 561-427-0588. Call for operating hours.*

If you encounter problems with your uniform during the season, please contact:

Diana Johnson-Ford at [FordFamily27@hotmail.com](mailto:FordFamily27@hotmail.com) or Debbie Wiley - [WileyDebbie@bellsouth.net](mailto:WileyDebbie@bellsouth.net)