

# Marching Band – Uniform Contract

The purpose of this contract is to inform the student and parent of the responsibilities related to the uniform. Parents and students need to be advised that they are financially responsible if the uniform is damaged.

**DO NOT tailor or cut your uniform at all.** All length alterations will be done on campus by our trained parents and students. Cutting the uniform will result in its automatic purchase for \$400. If anything should happen to the uniform before an event, the uniform crew will be there to help. Notify a crew member if there is anything wrong with your uniform (loose or missing buttons, etc.)

Eating in your uniform is limited to a plain hot dog and a clear beverage. **No other food is permitted while wearing the uniform.** The consequences for violating this rule will suit the offense. If your uniform becomes dirty, you will need to have it dry-cleaned **at your own expense** before the next event.

You are required to wear lightweight clothing under your uniform such as a pair of bike or soccer shorts and a t-shirt. Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not permitted.

The uniform will stay in good condition if you hang it up properly. Putting your uniform away includes the following steps:

- Hang pants correctly (will be taught by uniform crew)
- Hang jacket correctly over pants on hanger (will be taught by uniform crew)
- Put garment bag over hung uniform. Keep the top 6" of the garment bag unzipped. This allows for air circulation and prevents fungus, mold, and odors from forming

The uniforms are stored at school after each event. The students arrive in lightweight clothing and dress in the music room before events. The students will be trained in these procedures during band camp.

We have expensive plumes (feathers) that are placed in the shakos (hats) for all marching band events. In order to keep the plumes in top condition, **do not touch them** as natural oils from your hands are left on the plume and attract dirt. A uniform crew member will place the plume in the shako, as well as take them off. If there are any problems with a plume, see a crew member. If you damage a plume, you will need to purchase a replacement for \$25. The shakos need to be placed in a plastic bag during the football games. The plastic bag fits inside your shako for easy transportation. When you retrieve your hat before an event, leave the plastic bag inside the hat to use for this purpose. Do not leave the plastic bag behind in the music room – you will need it.

Thank you, the Directors and the Uniform Crew.

## **Marching Shoes:**

In order to perform with the Irvine High School Marching Band, your student must have a pair of shiny, black marching shoes. You may purchase your own black, patent leather, shiny, closed-toed shoes or order directly through us at a very good price of just \$30 (see Registration Form). Your student will be sized during band camp for these shoes. You may continue to use the same shoes each year until you need to purchase a larger size.

You are responsible for providing black crew socks to complete the uniform. NO short socks - legs cannot show when marching. Black crew socks and shoes must be stored at home and brought or worn to each event.