

Marching Band Uniform Requirements

2020-21 Marching Band Season

Marching Band members have two types of uniforms. These items are considered part of the official Marching Band uniform, and are mandatory for all games, competitions, and parades.

1. **Game Day Attire** – On game days, all Marching Band members are required to wear their Warm Ups during the school day. Students are responsible for purchasing the Warm Up outfit through the Band Boosters. The warm up outfit includes embroidered first name and last initial on the jacket and the pants. Students will wear their current year themed band t-shirt. Students will wear black socks (no ankle socks) and black marching band shoes.
2. **Official Performance Uniform** – Performance uniforms are property of the Band Program. Band members will be assigned a numbered uniform consisting of a jacket, bibbers, gauntlets, and shako (hat) or beret. Guard members will be assigned a numbered uniform, undershirt, flag poles, pom-poms, and accessories (if applicable). All registration fees must be received for the student to be issued their official uniform. Additional items such as shoes and gloves must be purchased from the Band Boosters to accompany the performance attire. Students will need to purchase and wear black socks (no ankle socks). Shoes, socks, gloves, and berets may be stored in the Uniform Room in the Band Room.

Return with payment by:

The attached uniform order form has three sections:

Section 1 - ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS must complete (band fee).

Section 2 - NEW MARCHING BAND MEMBERS ONLY must complete.

Section 3 – optional/replacement items.

All forms must be returned to the Band Director by: July 1, 2021 along with a deposit of \$100. The second payment of \$100 is due by August 1, 2021 and then the remaining balance due by September 1, 2021. PLEASE NOTE: I understand that finances may be difficult during this time with Covid-19 and I am happy to work with you to plan a payment schedule or work out alternate arrangements. We don't want financial constraints to prevent you from participating. In fact, I WILL NOT turn anyone away due to financial difficulties. We will be happy to work with you to create a payment plan or alternate schedule. Please send in deposits if you can as we have up-front costs for marching band that must be paid in order to have marching band. Please let me know if you need financial assistance or want to apply for a scholarship.

Send your questions to Mr. Basham at BashamME@pwcs.edu.

Hylton HS Marching Band Uniform Guidelines

Official Performance uniforms: While we make every attempt to alter official uniforms, it may be necessary for us to make adjustments. After you have worn your uniform a little while, let us know if you need to make any adjustments.

If band members need to have the straps to your bibbers adjusted, please also let us know since we will most likely have to alter the hem. While dressed in your uniform, your jacket must be kept on and zipped. Under your uniform you must always wear a band booster pre-ordered mandatory band themed t-shirt (one t-shirt is included with band fees) and some kind of bottoms (shorts in warm weather, long underwear or leggings in cold weather) since you may need to change in a public place like the band room or school bus. Keep it neat! No clothing should be “peeking” out of your sleeves or pant leg.

Guard members will follow instructions from the Guard Director regarding under clothing.

Uniforms have a specific way they must be placed on the hanger for storage in the uniform closet. Pants must be folded with seams together and on the crease and draped evenly over the hanger. Suspenders are neatly tucked in. Jacket must be zipped and buttoned on the shoulder with the curve of the hanger going with the shoulder of the jacket. Make sure all personal items have been removed from your jacket pocket after each game. Guard members will be given direction on how to properly hang their uniforms.

Hats: need to be secure enough not to wobble. Straps should be worn under the chin and adjusted as necessary.

Plumes: are placed on the band hats just before halftime. Marching Band members are not to put on or remove plumes from their hats. A band parent will be there to perform this task. Marching Band members should line up quietly until they have been “plumed” and then report to their sections.

Gloves: Students will purchase 2 pairs of gloves. Try your best to keep them clean and keep track of them.

Shoes and Socks: Your marching shoes should be clean from dirt and scuff marks. Saddle Soap is available to help keep shoes shiny. It is the students responsibility to clean their shoes prior to an performance. Shoes cannot be cleaned and then put right on. They will need time to dry. It is the members You MUST wear black calf-length socks with your uniform! Special marching shoes must be purchased through the Band Boosters.

Storage: Marching Band and Color Guard uniforms, shoes, black socks, gloves, and hats are stored in the band uniform closet. Marching Band members must return their uniforms and all accessories to the uniform room after each game/competition. Make sure it is hung correctly or you will be sent back to try again.

Cleaning: Your Marching Band fees pay for the initial cleaning of the Marching Band uniforms at the end of the season. You will start the season in a fresh uniform, and it will be your responsibility to keep it as clean as possible throughout the season. Please report any mishaps to the uniform person. Limit your eating and drinking when dressed in the uniform to clear liquids and non-greasy foods, and no condiments like mustard, ketchup or anything that may drip.

Game Day Casual Uniform: All Marching Band members are required to wear their Warm Ups and current year themed band t-shirt all day at school on game days. The Band Director may substitute this wear as the uniform on very hot evenings or when inclement weather is forecast. The band fee includes one themed t-shirt but others are available for purchase.

Please complete the Uniform Order form on the next page and return to Mr. Basham along with your first deposit of \$100 by July 1st so we can order materials for camp/season. The second deposit of \$100 will be due on August 1st and can be paid by band camp (Aug. 9th). The remaining balance is due at the beginning of the school year by September 1st. Please schedule your physical and have the physical form completed by band camp. This is going to be a great year. Thank you for joining the Marching Bulldogs!