

Uniform Chair
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Care Of Uniforms / Alterations

Our GCHS uniforms cost about \$900.00 per student, so proper care is essential. The uniform **must** be dry cleaned. Perspiration and spots that will not brush off require dry cleaning. White pants need cleaning every time they are worn. Always keep your dry cleaning receipts; you will need to show them if you are turning in or exchanging uniform parts.

If any part of the uniform gets damaged, please let us know. We can solve nearly every problem quickly, so please give us a warning call if possible.

Thanks in advance for doing your part in keeping the uniforms in great condition so that everyone can see our PRIDE, HUSTLE AND DESIRE!

HEMS - PANTS – The bottom edge of the pant legs must touch the top front of the shoe without the crease breaking into a fold. This short length is needed at our contests so that the judges can see the feet. The back of the hem should touch the back of the shoe at the seam, which is about ½” below the top of the shoe. Hems can be turned up and let down as needed from student to student. They are to be **hand sewn. No Cutting is permitted.** Our fitters will indicate the correct length. If a very deep hem is needed on the pants, pin the hem from the seams toward the crease on both sides and sew, leaving the crease loose from the hem. This will avoid puckers. **Students: slip on pants carefully wearing only socks.**

HEMS - SLEEVES – Sew hems to the lining only.

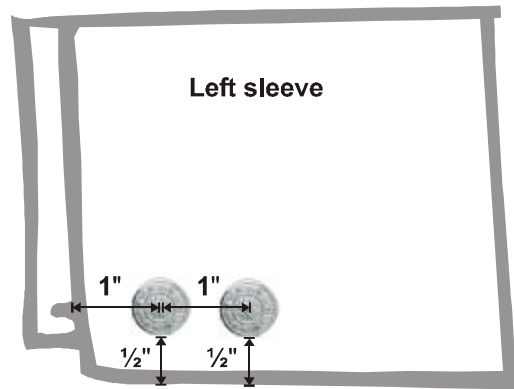
Pressing – To press hems or creases, dampen a white handkerchief and press. Then cover with a dry cloth and finish drying the area.
(eliminates shiny areas)

After all football games or competitions, take the uniform out of the garment bag and hang the uniform parts on separate hangers to air out and dry. **Uniforms left damp in bags can mildew** and you will have to pay for a replacement.

Please do not use any type of iron-on tape, adhesive, or bonding material on the uniforms. Call me for help.

Placement of the buttons on the blazer sleeves:

Replacement buttons are available in the uniform room.



NEW JACKET, OVERLAY AND PERCUSSION JACKET

These must be **dry cleaned only**. The white cloth neck liner in the collar snaps in easily and **must** be washed after each wearing. It can be put in with the regular white wash. It can be bleached or hand washed.

SUSPENDERS

The suspenders may be laundered and dried in the dryer. **Do not use chlorine bleach** since it can damage the elastic.

SHOULDER CORDS

These are the white braided cords that go through the shoulder straps on the overlay. They can be thrown in with your white laundry in a lingerie bag, and then line dried. If you put them in the dryer they will get fuzzy looking. **Do not use chlorine bleach**. The cords are nylon and the bleach will turn them orange! Clean them before each marching season and as needed. If your cords come apart, bring them up to the uniform room. Be sure you to find a replacement that matches your other cord (color, length, etc.).

HAT

Store the hat in the **clear** plastic bag to protect it. Colored bags from stores will stain damp hats and you will have to pay to replace it. You are responsible for your hat. Wipe the white vinyl parts clean with a damp cloth. For stains or soil on the red fabric part, please bring the hat up to the uniform room.

HAIR – The hair must be pinned, braided or secured with a rubber band so it is **under** the hat (this applies to both girls and boys with long hair). You might braid the hair up from the neck and then coil it around the edge of the head (center of the hat rests on the head).

PLUME – You will be assigned a plume number at the beginning of the season, and will be told in which case your plume will be kept. The plumes are given out before performances and should be handled with care. You will ask for your number. Please insert and remove the plume from the hat by holding the metal cup, **not the plume**.

Wear gloves. Take care not to pick or damage the feathers. Replacements will be your responsibility.

GLOVES

These are 100% cotton and can be washed with the regular white laundry and bleach. They should be washed after every wearing. Do not put in the dryer. Stretch the fingers while damp and lay on a towel to dry. You might want to buy an extra pair.

RED PONCHO

The poncho can be washed off by hand or washed in a washing machine with some towels if it becomes muddy or smells musty. If wet, it should be hung to dry. Do not fold up while wet. Be sure to put the student's name on it with a permanent marker.

GARMENT AND HAT BAGS

These are made of heavy vinyl and can be wiped off with all-purpose cleaner. Keep your name on the bags using a piece of white plastic tape. This does not leave a sticky residue. **Do not use duct tape**. We have the tape in the uniform room.

WHITE BERETS (tuba players)

These may be laundered without bleach or by hand and dried. Don't wear it dirty.

SHOES

Wipe off mud by using dish detergent or bar soap. A brush (like an old toothbrush) is needed on sole edges. Polish at home, and not in the band room. We have shoe laces of the correct length for 25 cents. Wash or replace as needed.

Before all games, contests, and parades, the uniform room upstairs is open to **sell** needed items like gloves, ponchos and to make quick repairs. We **do not loan items**, but sell them and then we will buy back the next week. **Plan to bring enough money to buy anything you might forget.** Get in the habit of using a checklist **before** you leave home.

CONCERT SEASON

First concert is in February. Check your calendar.

BOYS

- Navy **dress** slacks – **not** cotton casual slacks.
- Black shoes, black socks.
- White oxford cloth shirt with button collar (any sleeve length).
- Navy tie (solid with no stripes or design).
- Red GC band blazer – if you have not been issued a blazer by early February, please call.

GIRLS

- Navy skirt – we sell skirts or fabric. Patterns are \$5 which will be refunded upon return. Skirts are to hang **1-2 inches** from the floor when you are wearing your black **flats**. **Please measure and do not guess.** Skirts may be washed and dried.
- Shoes - black traditional **flats** and dark hose.
- White oxford cloth blouse with button collar (any sleeve length).
- Blue clip-on tie - \$5.00 from uniform room.
- Red GC band blazer – if you have not been issued a blazer by early February, please call.

SUMMER UNIFORM

White band shirt available in uniform room.

Blue sash – first one free, second one is \$3.00.

White tennis style shorts – mid-thigh length, not down to the knee nor short athletic style, waistband any style, woven fabric, not knit, not denim, no cuffs nor cargo pockets.

Band shoes and white **crew-length** socks.