

WEST HIGH ENTERTAINMENT UNIT DRESS CODE and UNIFORM CARE

You will be loaned a Marching Band Uniform for the school year consisting of: 1) a jacket with removable gold baldric, 2) a vest, 3) bib type suspender pants, 4) a hat (stays in its plastic bag in its box in the uniform room), 5) plume (handed out and collected at each performance) and 6) a garment bag, all hung nicely on a WHEU hanger. Uniforms are expensive...about \$300 each. We expect you to wear it with pride and take care of it.

Your first year 1) you will need to purchase through WHEU Wear black marching shoes and 2) you will be given a WHEU long-sleeve brown t-shirt, which can each be used in succeeding years if they still fit. Each season you will be given a new pair of black socks and white gloves; they are yours to keep, during the season additional pairs may be purchased for \$5 each.

Care of Uniforms: **It is your responsibility to keep your entire uniform clean and performance ready.** Clean them as necessary per the WHEU Uniform cleaning instructions provided, and report any damage as soon as it happens. Please see a Uniform Parent for hemming, adjustments, repairs or replacement. Do not make any alterations to the uniform. Taking care of the uniform is part of your band grade.

Storing your uniform: Uniforms, except the hat and plume, should be kept at home - not in the uniform room. At home, DO NOT store the uniform in the garment bag as it may cause mildew.

Performances: Unless you are instructed to arrive in uniform, **bring your complete uniform, in its garment bag, to all performances.** When you arrive at school, place your garment bag on the rolling rack labeled with your section. The racks will be put in the truck and taken to the performance. **Do not** hang your uniform on the busses when getting dressed – the busses are dirty. Keep your garment bag on the rack while you get dressed. While in uniform, remember you are in a WHITE jacket and anything you lean against could be dirty. Do not sit or kneel on the ground while in uniform. Always return the plume to the baskets **before** you get back on the bus. Upon arriving back at school take your garment bag home – **make sure that everything you take belongs to you.**

Returning Uniforms: Turn in your loaned uniform at the end of the year as directed. Uniforms must be turned in **clean and on time.** The shoes, socks, gloves, and t-shirt are yours to keep; you can use them the following year. Students are financially responsible for the full uniform. If any pieces are lost or damaged due to neglect, the student must pay for them.

Uniform Replacement Cost: Jacket: \$150; Vest: \$50; Pants: \$60; Hat: \$40; Hanger: \$3

MARCHING UNIFORM DRESS CODE

- Always wear shorts with an elastic or drawstring waist (basketball or similar type), leggings or spandex shorts under your street clothes so you will be prepared to dress outside. Do not wear jeans or other bulky pants/shorts under your uniform.
- Wear your long sleeve brown t-shirt under your uniform.
- Black socks – if you forget or lose your socks you can buy a pair for \$5.
- White gloves – if you forget or lose your gloves you can buy a pair for \$5.
- All hair must be under the hat. For longer hair, ponytails must be worn high on the head. Use hair ties and bobby pins (same color as hair) as necessary.
- No visible jewelry.
- No colored nail polish.

WEST HIGH ENTERTAINMENT UNIT UNIFORM CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

DO NOT store uniforms in the garment bag. After performances remove uniform from garment bag and clean if needed. **Close Velcro on jacket** and hang the pants on the natural crease (they should lie smoothly on the hanger). Hang vest on the hanger with the jacket and pants.

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS - DO NOT DRY CLEAN ANY PART OF THE MARCHING UNIFORM.

VEST

- **DO NOT** machine wash or dry clean the vest. Hand wash and dry flat if needed.

PANTS

- **UNSNAP** all snaps on pant legs prior to washing and re-snap when dry.
- **ZIP** front zipper prior to washing.
- **WASH** pants in cold water, colors separately on the gentle/knit cycle use non-chlorine detergent.
- **DO NOT** use fabric softener or bleach.
- **DRY** on low or hang dry. Do not place wet pants in garment bag.
- **IRON** hem if needed, place a clean dish towel/pressing cloth over hem, iron on lowest steam setting. Avoid ironing the snaps. Place pants on provided hanger immediately after pressing.

JACKET

- **UNSNAP** all snaps on sleeve cuffs prior to *each* washing and re-snap when dry (except at final year end turn-in - then leave unsnapped).
- **REMOVE** gold insert prior to *each* washing.
- **CLOSE** Velcro securely prior to washing.
- **USE** a non-bleach stain remover (i.e., Shout or Spray-N-Wash) on the sleeve cuffs and any dirty areas (i.e., neckline).
- **WASH** jacket in cold water, colors separately on the gentle/knit cycle.
- **DO NOT** use fabric softener or bleach.
- **DRY** on low or hang dry. Do not place wet jacket in garment bag.

HAT

- Do not undo or adjust the hat strap.
- Store hat in plastic bag, in box. (Hats will stay at school.)
- If the hat is dirty please see a Uniform Parent.

SHOES

- Shoes should be cleaned before each performance with a damp cloth. Allow shoes to air out and store in the back compartment of your garment bag. Write your name inside shoes with a permanent marker.

GLOVES

- Wash gloves when dirty. Write name on inside wrist.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact wheupauniforms@gmail.com.