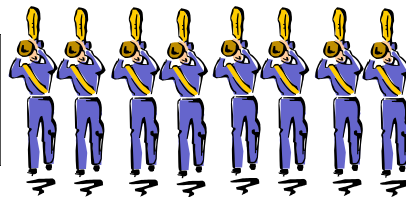


UNIFORM REGULATIONS



Welcome to a new Band Season!

Following is a little information which will help us all get through the new year successfully in so far as dress is concerned. The band uniform worn at football games, parades, and marching contests consists of a jacket, pants (what is termed a "bib"), hat (all property of NEISD), black shoes, and black socks (provided by the band student). A band T-shirt and lightweight shorts must be worn under the uniform.

While in uniform, students must wear NO makeup, NO jewelry other than senior rings, and NO nail polish. Please encourage your student to abide by these policies. The quartermasters will demonstrate the proper procedure for hanging uniforms when the uniform is assigned.

This year the band members will be fitted with new uniforms. We are all very excited. An instruction sheet detailing the proper care of the uniform will be given to each student as the uniform is assigned. Each student is responsible for his/her uniform and its care. Uniforms are to be kept in the band hall. In this fashion, there should NEVER be any problem being prepared for a game or turning in the uniform promptly when requested. Be on the look out for a Band Uniform Contract. This will be a part of the Band Packet which will be distributed to your student during band camp. It will explain Uniform Discipline and will be strictly enforced.

Uniforms are sent out for professional cleaning periodically (taken care of by the district). Please take special care. These uniforms will be worn several times between cleanings and must last for a number of years.

An alternative band uniform is sometimes worn by the students. The decision to do so is at the discretion of the band directors. This year the alternative uniform will change. It will consist of a black polo shirt with Churchill insignia and khaki shorts. There will be an order form in the band packet for the polo shirt. A final decision on the shorts has not been made. Please do NOT purchase any shorts. More information on this is forthcoming.

Once marching season is over, we switch to the concert uniform. For the male students, this consists of a

tuxedo jacket with the marching uniform pants (property of NEISD), black shoes, and black socks. For female students, the concert uniform consists of a black dress (property of NEISD), black shoes, and hose.

At the beginning of summer band camp, committee parents assist quartermasters in assigning uniforms. Each student should wear very lightweight shorts (preferably wind shorts) and a T-shirt on their uniform fitting day. Uniform fitting goes on for several days with seniors fitted first and freshman fitted last. Attention is given to each student to find the best fit in jacket and pants. The original length of the pants for all uniforms is very generous so that a wide range of heights can be accommodated. Consequently, most band members will have to alter the pant length. The pant length is NOT a matter of personal taste. The instruction sheet each band member will receive designates the proper length. Our new uniforms are easily altered with snaps. It will NO longer be necessary for any stitching to be done.

Notice: **NEVER CUT** the pants or the jacket even though you may have a bulky hem. During band, arrangements are made so that students may be fitted for the band shoes by a shoe company representative. New students as well as any student whose shoes are no longer useable may order new band shoes. An order form for the show T-shirt as well as the band polo shirt will be included in the forms packet.

If you have any questions, please contact the Uniform Moms: Melanie Kost (496-7247) or Cindy Bair (492-9934).

Thank you,

Melanie Kost and Cindy Bair

ALERT: We are in NEED for volunteers to help out with uniforms. The more volunteers, the easier the job. We want our students to look good.

If your student has any old band shoes or show shirts that no longer fit, you can donate them to the Uniform Committee. They are used when a student loses or forgets these items and is in need on game day.