

Ashley Ridge H.S. Bands

Band Uniform Alterations, Wear, and Care

Bib Pant Alterations:

- Please *do not cut* any fabric off the bottom of the pants.
- It is crucial that the bib pant shoulder straps are adjusted properly before evaluating pant length.
- The pant length should be determined while the student is wearing band shoes and socks.
- The student should stand up straight and look forward as hem is being evaluated to insure proper pant length and placement.
- LENGTH: *Uniform pants should be hemmed so that the bottom edge of the pant leg contacts the lowest point of the threaded seam just below the rim of the shoe (look at shoe from the side to find threaded seam).*



Bottom of pant leg should reach lowest point of this threaded seam



Correct pant length falls to lowest point of stitched seam

Sleeve lengths :

- Adjust using the snap system on the inside of the sleeves and near the wrists. Sleeves should be adjusted so that the end rests at the wrist break when arms are relaxed at the side of the body.

Undergarments:

- The best recommendations for undergarments are Lycra athletic shorts, or spandex shorts (such as Under Armor). Best color choice – black. Any shorts worn under the uniform should be form fitting and comprised of a thin fabric.
- Issued “PRIDE” shirt is to be worn under the uniform for all occasions. T-Shirt should be tucked down smoothly as far as possible to prevent wrinkles and bunching.

Storage:

- Hang bibs on hanger with creases matched and legs flat. Hang coat so that the curved side of the hanger is against the back of the jacket.
- Leave uniform bag unzipped after events. Never close up a damp or wet uniform inside the garment bag. Make sure they are hung on racks with space between bags.
- When placing the jacket and/or bibs on a hanger, do so in such a way that the hanger hooks to the right when viewing the uniform from the front. This enables the name cards to be visible when garment bags are hung in a row.
- The Uniform should always be in a garment bag when not in use.
- Gauntlets are to be placed in the rear zipper-pouch of the garment bag, flat and un-rolled.
- Shoes should be stored separate from the garment bag (Do not use the rear zipper-pouch or your instrument locker for shoe storage!) They need to be taken home and cleaned after each event.
- Gloves may be stored with the shako in assigned shako box.

Cleaning:

- Jackets and bib pants are made of poly gabardine and are completely washable. Machine-wash and dry the uniforms using the gentle cycle on the washer and the cool or normal setting on the dryer.
- Use products such as “Spray and Wash” and other non-chlorine stain removers when washing to help remove stains.
- First time garments are washed it is recommended that they be soaked in salt water (1/4-1/2 cup per wash load – depending on size) or white vinegar water.
- Any uniform parts using Velcro closures must have the closure together before laundering.
- Gold metallic material must not come into contact with a hot iron.
- Sequin material must be professionally dry cleaned.