

MCQUEEN BAND

UNIFORM INFORMATION

The McQueen Band Uniform will be issued in the fall. The cleaning and care of the uniform during the course of the year is included in the uniform fee, and will be handled by the school. At the end of the season, uniforms will be checked in, cleaned and inventoried. You are required to replace any part of the uniform lost or damaged. The cost of individual uniform items is available from the uniform committee.

Each student will be issued a uniform. Keeping uniforms clean is a priority. Members are responsible for keeping their uniform clean whenever they are to perform. Members must be in full uniform for all performances. There are “incidentals” that will need to be purchased separately such as socks and marching shoes.

Please remember that the band uniforms cost over \$500 each and need to last for 10-12 years. The band booster uniform committee is responsible for the supervision of uniform care and will expect that members learn how to fold and hang them properly.

It is recommended that band members wear boxer shorts and the band t-shirt underneath uniforms, as there are rarely formal changing rooms at show sites. Band members usually change on or around the bus, and should come prepared. No basketball or gym shorts, we recommend Under Armour base layer / compression type shorts. The shorts must fit tight so that the uniform pants hang correctly.

Shoes, socks and gloves must be cleaned before every performance as the cleanliness of these items adds to or detracts from the appearance of the band. Wearing the uniform is a source of pride for the band.

WHEN IN UNIFORM THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

- Hair must be up at all times, all long hair must be put up into the shako.
- NO jewelry for boy's and girl's especially EARRINGS, nose rings and ear gauges (State band rings are allowed)
- NO make-up, this does mean mascara and eye makeup and no foundation
- NO chewing gum
- NO eating in uniform unless given permission from the band director
- NO Uniforms shall be taken by students unless direct permission from Band Director, staff member or the band Coordinator is given to that student
- NEVER touch the plume in the shako with ungloved hands or dirty gloves. Trained parents or volunteers will put the plume in and take it out when necessary.

Some young men are not very receptive to cutting their hair. With competition season upon us, please remind them that the band rules state “*hair does not touch the collar of the uniform*”.

CONCERT SEASON INFORMATION:

All young men new to band will purchase a Tuxedo for concert season. The tuxedo will cost \$110.00. The uniform parents will measure the young men in October-December and will order the tuxes from a supplier at that time. Currently our Tuxedos come with Jacket, pants, shirt, bow tie and cummerbund. You will need to purchase dress shoes to be worn with the tux.

Checks will be made out to the Band Parents Association; tuxes will not be handed to the students until payment is received. Tuxedos that are not paid in full are kept by the uniform parents and will be handed out and taken in after each performance, until paid in full.

Tuxedo pants come without a hem, and must be hemmed to the correct length. If you cannot hem the pants, contact the Band Parent in charge of uniforms and they can help you find someone that can hem for you. Paper clips and staples are not appropriate hemming methods.

When wearing a Tuxedo the men are required to wear black dress shoes which will need to be obtained. Black tennis shoes and hiking boots are not appropriate.

If your Tux needs to be refitted, please contact the uniform parents in charge.

All young women new to band will have to purchase a black concert dress. Uniform parents measure the girls and order the dresses. The cost is \$70.00. Once the dresses arrive the dresses are handed out to the students and they **must be hemmed prior to concert time**. If you cannot hem the dress contact the Band Parent in charge of uniforms and they can help you find someone that can hem the dress.

Women need to wear a plain black pump. Please NO open toes, sling backs, or sandals.

If you have any questions or need help with anything please contact Uniform Committee Chairs:

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