

Lewisville Band Uniform Care



We are fortunate to have band uniforms which are able to be **MACHINE WASHED**. While we are very excited about home cleanings (and fewer dry cleaning costs for band families), we want to emphasize the importance of ALL details regarding home washing procedures.

Families will be responsible for the proper care of these items, as they are LISD property. Replacement fees for permanently soiled or damaged items will be collected in such circumstances. At no time should any part of the uniform ever be cut with the Directors' prior consent. Do not write on the uniforms or tags. Instead, write on a piece of tape and adhere it to a tag.

Cleaning the Jacket, Bib Pants, and Gauntlets:

- ◆ Please take care to wash the band uniforms following a load of whites or light-colored laundry.
- ◆ Do not wash the band uniform following a dark load or a load including new garments.
 - ***Always wash bib pants separately from the jackets/gauntlets.***
 - Wash uniforms alone - do not wash with any other garments or linens.
 - ***Always*** turn the uniforms ***inside out*** to wash them.
 - Jacket shoulder "wings" should be folded back to prevent scratches to buttons.
 - Gauntlets should be ***Velcro-ed inside out*** to prevent scratches on buttons.
 - Always use ***COLD water*** - never wash in warm or hot water.
 - Always machine wash on the ***gentle/ knit cycle***.
 - Use only ***non-chlorine detergent***.
 - ***DO NOT*** use liquid fabric softener on the band uniforms.
 - You may use "Spray and Wash" and other NON-chlorine stain removers when washing. Many chlorine detergents are harsh and have a bleaching ingredient that will cause even colorfast fabric to migrate.
 - Both jacket and pants should be ***hung to dry*** IMMEDIATELY after wash cycle. ***Do not put in the dryer.***
 - Always hang the pants and jacket properly on ***hangers***—pants should be folded on the ***creases*** and ***not*** the seams.
 - Gauntlets should be ***laid flat*** to dry completely (towel dry buttons if necessary).
 - NEVER put a damp uniform away in the closet, hanging bag, etc.

****Note: Please wash gloves and band t-shirts SEPARATELY from the uniform items!***

- ◆ ***Please DO NOT Dry Clean the uniform:*** Dry Cleaning is NOT recommended for the fabric type and color of our uniforms. Colors remain brighter with machine washing and chemicals used in dry-cleaning can often affect the material from which the uniforms are made.
- ◆ ***IMPORTANT!*** Extreme caution should be exercised if performing any ***ironing or pressing***. Irons must be set to a ***low-heat*** setting and a ***towel*** must be used as a buffer between the iron and the uniform material. Other bands in the district have had cases of burned uniform pants due to hot iron settings. Irons should only be used to reinforce creases in the bib pants. *Remember, you will be financially responsible for any and all damages to the uniform assigned to your student.*

Cleaning the Hat:

- Always store hat in its container when not in use or being cleaned.
- Spot clean with a mild liquid detergent (Woolite).
- Scrub soiled parts ***gently*** with a soft sponge to remove dirt.
- Allow the hat to ***air dry***. Do ***not*** use a dryer or artificial heat (hair dryer) to dry it.
- Clean vinyl or plastic carefully with Pledge furniture spray. ***Spray the cloth, not the vinyl.***
- Do not dry clean or use spot cleaning chemicals or bleach on any part of the hat.
- Towel dry the button immediately after cleaning the hat.

Please have a professional tend to repairs of minor seam rips or loosening trim on any part of the uniform and advise your section leader or Director immediately. We appreciate our members taking care of these items before issues occur or worsen.

Thank you in advance for helping the Lewisville Band look its best for many years to come...

"The Band that Marches with Pride!"