

RHS BAND UNIFORM WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

To keep the uniforms organized, we are sending them home to you on hangers. Please note how they are hung (jacket over gauntlets and bibbers) so you can put them back after washing.

SPECIAL NOTE: "Stands only" and "percussion" (front ensemble and drumline) uniforms do not have gauntlets.

1. Please wash in **COLD** water with regular detergent. If you are concerned about the odor, you may use baking soda with the detergent. Stain removers such as Shout are allowed in the white areas on the gauntlets or jacket including the lining. **IMPORTANT: DO NOT USE BLEACH OF ANY KIND. THIS INCLUDES OXI-CLEAN.**
2. Please be cognizant of allergies some of our students have to various scents/perfumes and **refrain from any scent boosters or perfumed additives.** Adding plain baking soda will help control odors.
3. Jackets should be turned inside out for washing making sure the hook and eye closure on collars are left open. Do not detach the jacket sash when washing. If it becomes detached during the washing process, match the number on the sash with the jacket number and reattach before drying. If buttons come off put them in a small plastic bag and pin to uniform.
4. **Gauntlets** should be washed separately on the hand wash or **gentle cycle/delicate and stuck to each other**, so they are flat when washing so the Velcro doesn't stick to the gauntlets themselves.
5. Everything can be put in the dryer on the **gentle/low heat setting**. Please remove them immediately and hang them to avoid wrinkles. If you prefer to hang them up to air dry that works too.
6. Please rehang uniforms on their correct hanger paying attention to the info. on the hangers. Each uniform piece has been assigned to a specific student. Bibber and jacket #'s are located inside their labels. Gauntlet #'s are written on the inside lower left corner. **Fold bibbers on the creases** prior to hanging over the hanger bar.

Uniforms should be returned on their hangers to the appropriate cabinets (marked by instrument name) in the Band Uniform Room by rehearsal on Tuesdays. THANK YOU FOR WASHING UNIFORMS!! IT'S MUCH APPRECIATED!

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