



# Ridge Point High School Band

## Marching Uniform Cleaning Instructions

### Cleaning Notice

As needed during the marching season, students will take their uniform home for cleaning. **NEVER Dry Clean** the uniform pieces as they will fade. They are to be **machine-washed only**. Uniforms are NOT to be taken home except at designated times. The student and their family are responsible for following all instructions listed below to ensure that the uniform parts are returned in good condition.

### Washing Instructions

**Supplies Needed:** "Dreft" (or other mild detergent) and a zippered laundry bag

- **DO NOT Dry Clean** the uniform parts. Machine-wash only. "Febreze" is **NOT** acceptable.
- **Remove** the two silver button inserts from the front of the jacket. These are not washable and are velcroed in for easy removal. Leave the orange insert. Do not attempt to remove as it is sewn in.
- **Remove the neon orange tail pocket – Do not wash.** These are not in all jackets.
- Wash gloves, band t-shirts, socks, etc. **SEPARATELY** from the uniform parts.
- Set your machine to **GENTLE** cycle, **COLD water** wash, and **COLD water** rinse.
- Use only **mild, non-chlorine** detergent....such as Dreft. **Do NOT use fabric softeners** of any kind.
- Turn each of the uniform pieces **inside out** and zip them up.
- Velcro the Gauntlets together **flat** and place them in a zippered laundry bag to prevent scratching the buttons.
- Check the uniform pieces for stains or excessive dirt (especially collars and cuffs). If necessary, pre-treat stains using **non-chlorine** stain removers. We recommend the various Carbona stain removers (available at most area grocery stores). If the collar of your jacket is seriously stained, you may need to pre-treat and wash it more than once.

### Drying and Ironing Instructions

**Supplies Needed:** Iron

- **DO NOT Machine Dry** the uniform pieces. Immediately following the wash cycle, turn pieces right side out, folded by the pleats, smooth out wrinkles, and **hang to air dry** on the two hangers provided by the band. Allow several hours to air dry. Get your students involved! They know how the pants are to be hung.
- When dry, check each part for wrinkles and iron as needed.
- Pants **MUST be ironed** to reinforce the front seams. Avoid ironing over the snap tape in the pants' side seams.
- Check pants to ensure that hems are still in place. If they have come loose, please fix them.

### Returning Instructions

**Supplies Needed:** Two Band Hangers and Band Garment Bag

- **Re-insert the silver button patches** into the front of the dry jacket by aligning the Velcro patches exactly. **Notice** that the patches are labeled "Top" and "Bottom". Silver button of the insert patches should be placed on the right side (side closest to the black part of the jacket).
- **Nothing** should be stored in the garment bag other than the uniform pieces – no shoes, extra clothes, personal items, etc. Empty the bag of all such items. Marching gloves are acceptable items to be stored in the bag.
- **Never** put a damp uniform in the garment bag.
- Return your clean, dry, wrinkle-free uniform on the **TWO** Band Hangers and zipped inside your Band Garment Bag. Gauntlets should be velcroed together and stored flat and inside the zipper pouch.
- Return Band Garment Bag to uniform rack in assigned location.