



Uniform Guidelines & Policies

The new Ridge Point High School Band uniform will become a symbol of tradition and excellence and is to be worn with PRIDE! It is a privilege to be wearing the Ridge Point Band uniform. Michael Cesario, renowned Broadway costume designer, specifically designed this uniform for the Ridge Point Marching Band. The RPHS Band is very proud of its marching uniforms, and we expect students to take care of them so that they will last for years to come.

Marching Uniform Undergarments

The FIT of the uniform bib pants should not appear altered as a result of undergarments. The desired look is a smooth and perfect fit for all uniform pieces.

The best recommendations for undergarments are Lycra bicycle shorts, or spandex shorts.

Other types of very thin, pocket-less shorts may be worn if desired. Nylon (pocket-less) athletic shorts are generally thin enough, but should not be so long as to bunch up when worn under form-fitting bib pants. Any shorts worn under the uniform should be form fitting and comprised of a thin fabric.

The Ridge Point Band Show T-Shirt should be worn underneath the uniform. This garment should be tucked down smoothly as far as possible to prevent wrinkles and bunching. It is to be worn at all football games and competitions unless otherwise noted. Students will also wear the show shirt to all pep-rallies.

Uniform Storage

Hang all uniform pieces properly on hangers immediately after use. Leave uniform garment bag unzipped; the bag should be pulled back behind the uniform so that the uniform may dry properly. Never store a uniform which is damp or wet from water or perspiration inside the uniform garment bag.

When placing pants on the pants hanger first neatly fold them along the center seams, then unlock the wooden hanger bar and place the pants neatly on the wooden bar securing them back under the wire bar. Place the jacket on the separate wire hanger provided and zip up the back. Hang the uniform on the racks so that the name cards are visible when garment bags are in a row.

Always hang up the uniform when not in use. The uniform is never to touch the ground when out of the garment bag.

Gauntlets are to be placed in the rear zipper-pouch of the garment bag, flat, Velcroed together, and un-rolled. For concert season, boys should store bow tie and cummerbund folded neatly in rear zipper-pouch of the concert garment bag.

Shoes should be stored in a box, separate from the garment bag, and can be stored in an instrument locker. Storing the shoes in the garment bag places weight on the uniform shoulders, pulls down the pants, and generally stresses the uniform shape.

The band shako needs to have the bottom facing up when in the hat box. Only gloves may be stored along with the shako in the hat box. No other items should be stored in the hat box.

All other travel items should be carried in a separate tote-bag.

Inspection & Performance Rules

Uniforms are not to be taken home unless the date has been designated for cleaning or special circumstances have been approved by the band director.

On days that we have performances each student will line the hallway at a designated time for inspection. Inspection will include, but may not be limited to, checking for black socks, clean gloves, show t-shirt, polished band shoes, flip folder, lyre, neat uniform and hat box with shako and gloves. During Concert Season this will include polished dress shoes, clean and ironed tuxedo shirt, all parts of the concert uniform, and understated jewelry for girls (no jewelry during marching season).

The uniform itself is to never be worn in any way that is degrading to the image of our organization. When in public, you are to be in full uniform. Coat zipped and shako worn properly. Under no circumstances is the shako to be worn backwards or propped up. We will always put on and remove the shakos as a group.

No jewelry is to be worn with the marching uniform. During concert season ladies may wear simple jewelry. Expensive jewelry and other valuables should be left at home for safekeeping.

Only clear fingernail polish will be acceptable. No make-up is to be worn while in uniform.

There is absolutely no eating, chewing gum, or drinking anything other than water while in uniform unless it is provided by the band as a part of a band function. Do not accept food, drink, etc. from parents or anyone other than designated band personnel during any performance event.

No running or horseplay at any time when in uniform.

During marching season hair must be worn in a way that it is off the collar and can be tucked into shako hat for performance. A clean and neat appearance in addition to the full uniform is expected.

No facial hair – gentlemen must be cleanly shaven for all performances. Remember that you are “on stage” and are a featured performer. More people see you up-close than you imagine.

When wearing the plumes, these are not to be touched unless you are a member of the Uniform Crew and must be put back in their proper case immediately after performing.

Students will be expected to follow these instructions the first time they are given. Students will not wear anything on, over or in addition to the specified uniform unless specific permission to do so is given by a director. Students who do not wear their uniforms correctly may not be allowed to perform and will have their class grade lowered as a result.

Conduct while in uniform is to be calm, mature, and appropriate at all times. No profanity, inappropriate behavior, or public displays of affection will be tolerated at any time.

Bring all personal uniform pieces to and from school as needed. Do not leave socks, shoes, t-shirts, shorts, etc. (especially dirty ones) in the band hall when not in use.

Clean all personal uniform pieces between performances.

Buy MANY pairs of black socks (100% cotton tends to fade over time, so be wary and consider a form of nylon or other fabric).

Students will be issued one pair of gloves for the marching season and must be taken home to be cleaned after every performance. Please let gloves air dry as they are 100% cotton and will shrink.

Financial Responsibility

Infractions will be given to those students who do not follow the specific instructions for proper hanging and return of their uniform. Infractions become a grade point reduction in the inspection grade.

The financial responsibility for replacement of damaged or lost uniform parts will be the responsibility of the student. Approximate replacement costs of these items are:

Marching Jacket	\$ 210	Shako (Marching Hat)	\$ 90
Marching Jacket Inserts	\$ 45 per pair	Hat Box	\$ 9
Marching Bib Pants	\$ 83	Plumes	\$ 17
Gauntlets	\$ 45	Garment Bags	\$ 9
Show T-Shirt	\$ 15	Marching Shoes	\$ 38
Gloves	\$ 3	Band T-Shirt	\$ 15

Tuxedo Jacket	\$ 65	Cummerbund	\$ 6
Tuxedo Pants	\$ 30	Bow Tie	\$ 3
Tuxedo Shirt	\$ 15	Formal Dress	\$ 65

Student and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the rules set forth in this document.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date