

# Skyview Marching Band Uniform

## Uniform Parts and Cost

The Uniform consists of many different parts. Each are numbered and assigned to the student. The following is a list and cost of each:

Jacket	\$294	Bib Pants	\$ 40
Baldric	\$ 73	Helmet and Box	\$ 72
Gauntlets	\$ 41	Raincoat	\$ 75
Garment Bag	\$ 20	Hanger	\$ 2
Total cost of the uniform		\$617	

## The Correct Way to Wear the Uniform

The uniform should always be worn in a manner that reflects you, our school and our community in a positive way. That means that all parts, including shoes, should always be clean and have a proper fit for every performance. Always wear the uniform jacket completely buttoned and zipped when performing. Pants should be pressed before each performance with a cool iron having a crease that breaks once before touching the top of the shoes. Never wear your pants without shoes as this will cause them to drag on the ground. Light color or gray shorts are to be worn under the pants. **No color or prints** as the pant material is thin and it will show through. White ankle socks are to be worn with the shoes. Shoes are purchased by the student, white Dinkle “Vanguard”, and should also be cleaned and polished when needed, especially before competitions and parades. Gauntlets are the cuffs fitting over the wrists of the jackets. Certain band members are not required to wear them while performing but are still issued them. Helmets have adjustable straps to assure a good fit. Plumes for the helmets will be handed out before each performance and collected by the parent helpers. Tuba players are issued berets. White gloves are worn by all band members except the drumline and those in the pit. Clarinet and Flute players will cut off and hem the fingertips. Gloves can be purchased for \$3. It is a good idea to have an extra pair just for performances to look sharp. The band T-shirt given to you at the beginning of the season is also a part of your uniform and is the only T-shirt to be worn under the jacket. The “**half uniform**” consists of the pants zipped up with the T-shirt tucked in and is sometimes allowed between performances if the band is eating or it is hot. Mr. Robertson will tell you when the half uniform is allowed. The jacket should be hung back on it’s hanger, put in the garment bag to protect it and is usually hung up on the band truck until needed.

*Remember that the Skyview Marching Band Uniform should always be worn correctly and with a sense of pride.*

## Care and Cleaning

Every part of the uniform is as clean as possible when issued to the student. We will not issue anything that is visibly damaged. Once you get your uniform, look it over, try it on for a good fit and that you know how to adjust pieces of it and notify a uniform parent as soon as possible if something is not in good condition. This uniform needs to be returned in the same condition it was issued at the end of the year to avoid a fine. There is a fee collected at the beginning of the season to pay for the final dry-cleaning of your uniform once it is turned in. Always check to make sure you have all of the uniform pieces before and after a performance. Contact a parent helper if something is missing as soon as possible. The following are guidelines for care of your uniform:

**Jacket** Jackets are to be dry-cleaned when needed, about every other performance. The Baldric, the iridescent snap-on sash across the front, should be removed before the jacket is taken to the cleaners. The white snap-on collar liner can be left on the jacket. Replacement cost for a lost liner is \$5. After performances, check the jacket for moisture and if it is damp make sure not to leave it in the garment bag. Remove it as soon as you get home and hang it to dry out. Jackets will mildew if left in the garment bag and may get rust marks if hung on a metal hanger. Any damage to the jacket should be notified to a uniform parent as soon as possible. ***Please do not attempt to wash the jacket in a washing machine!*** An approved dry cleaner is Salmon Creek Dry Cleaners on Tenney Road by the Salmon Creek Fred Meyer but any other dry cleaner you usually use will do.

**Gauntlets** Gauntlets need to be dry-cleaned when needed, usually once a season when they are turned in. ***Do not use them as a seat cushion.*** They are numbered in pairs so make sure you always have the ones issued to you.

**Pants** Pants should be dry-cleaned when needed, usually after one or two performances. This way they look sharp with a nice crease every time. Use a **cool iron** to touch up the crease. **Do not machine wash.** Check pants for wear and length as with growing students, adjustments must be made. The pants are issued to the best fit at the beginning of the season with the shoulder straps accommodating minor height changes. Student weight changes may also mean a different size. Notify a uniform parent and when turning in the first pair a second pair will be issued. **Do not cut the seams in the pants for adjustments or any of the length. Also, do not use any adhesive or bonding tape for hemming. It cannot be removed and ruins the fabric.** If needed just turn the hem up and hand stitch with white thread. We have parents willing to help any student with this as not to damage the pants.

- Helmet** The helmet has adjustable straps for a good fit. Do not drop your helmet as they will crack and you are responsible for the damage. Soft Scrub and a soft cloth can be used under the chin area. Do not use anything more abrasive, no steel wool. The helmet and case can be wiped with a damp cloth. Do not store anything else in the box as the helmet may get damaged.
- Shoes** White Dinkle Vanguard shoes are the only ones allowed to be worn. These can be purchased by the student at the beginning of the year. With good care they will last the whole time while in the band program, four years, if foot sizes do not change. Make sure the shoes are clean for a performance. Kiwi white shoe polish in the round tin works well and gives a nice shine. Soft Scrub can be used gently on the sides of the soles. Machine wash shoes laces when needed.
- T-shirt** The yearly themed T-shirt handed out at the beginning of the season is the only one allowed to be worn and is part of the uniform. It shows the student is part of the Skyview Band even when not performing and the unity the school has. It is your “ticket” to eat meals provided during competitions and football games by the Band/Dance Parent Group.
- Shorts** Gray shorts, similar to bike shorts without the pads, are to be worn under the uniform pants. Baggy, colored or prints will show through the material during performances. Outdoor changing sessions during competitions and games require the student to have appropriate attire on. These shorts can be found at Big 5 or Walmart.
- Garment Bag** This bag is used to transport the uniform to and from performances. Remove the uniform from the bag to store at home. Never place the shoes or helmet in the bag as the weight could tear the fabric and break the zipper. Simply wipe the bag with a damp cloth to clean. If very soiled, rinse it by hand in a large sink or tub and hang to dry. Never leave a damp uniform in the bag as mildew will develop. If a zipper does break, save the pieces and contact a uniform parent for help with repair or replacement.

## Fines

Any loss, damage, repairs, neglect, misuse or incorrect maintenance of the uniform will result in a fine (beyond the cleaning fee) to the student issued the uniform. This includes improper fit, letting the hem of the pants drag on the ground getting dirty and ripping, putting the uniform away wet or damp causing it to mildew, using a metal hanger that may result in rust stains, rips and tears left unmended, using any kind of adhesive or bonding tape on the pants that cannot be removed. Any fines assessed will be turned in to the Skyview business office.