

Band members – read and keep.

## Uniform Policy

- A. Every student is responsible for the care and maintenance of his/her uniform.  
A uniform contract/agreement is to be signed by the student and parent/guardian upon issuance of the uniform.
- B. Students are **required** to purchase the following:  
White Freedom band T–Shirt (this must be worn under the band coat)  
White gloves for the band  
Black gloves for percussion  
Black band shoes (no suede, sneakers, boots, etc.)  
White boots for majorettes (Vinyl or Leather)  
Shoes & boots can be purchased during the first week of summer band.  
Black socks  
Black scrunchie for long hair  
Black garment bag  
Black nylon shorts

**No alterations** are to be made to the uniform without first consulting with the band director.

**DO NOT CUT ANY MATERIAL FROM ANY PART OF THE UNIFORM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

- D. Always hang the uniform up properly following each performance.
- E. Clean the uniform periodically, as needed. **Please note:** DRY CLEAN only.
- F. Store the uniform in the garment bag to and from all performances if the uniform is not being worn.
- G. Request a refitting if the uniform does not fit properly.
- H. No student will be permitted to perform without the full uniform. This includes scrunchies, band t-shirt, etc.
- I. **Ascot:**  
This is the only part of the uniform which may be laundered, and should certainly be clean for every performance.  
Tie the ascot properly and pull it back toward the collar of the coat in order to cover your neck and any shirt worn under the band coat.
- J. **Tri-Cornered Hat:**  
The hat should be in the garment bag making sure it does not get crushed.  
Do not wear the hat over the top of another hat or cap.  
Do not wear the hat backwards, wear it properly!
- K. **Coat:**  
Sleeves should be long enough to touch the wrist when the arm is hanging normally at one's side when standing at "attention" position.  
If wearing a long sleeved shirt under the coat, be certain that the shirt sleeves do not show.
- L. **Trousers:**  
Pants need to be long enough to touch the top of the shoe with no break in the crease. Hem is to be off the ground and suspenders must be worn at all times.  
DO NOT WEAR JEANS under the band trousers! Wear the official black nylon shorts only. Spandex or thermals should be worn during the winter but no jeans or shorts designed as outerwear is permitted.
- M. **Majorette Shorts:**  
Shorts are to be worn with a minimum of a four inch inseam.
- N. **Shoes and Socks:**  
Shoes are available from Schuylkill Valley Sports. Shoes are to be **POLISHED** prior to each performance. No tennis shoes or boots are permitted. Only black socks are permitted.
- O. **Raincoats:**  
Students are to bring raincoats when the weather looks threatening or very cold.

**P. General Grooming:**

Students must be well groomed.

Long hair (collar length or longer) **must** be pulled behind the head and tied with a black scrunchie.

Hair should not be dyed any color that is not natural, i.e. orange, fire engine red, blue, green, purple, pink, bright yellow, etc., etc.

Use make-up conservatively. (no glitter, stars, or graphics allowed)

No colored nail polish (natural only)

**Q. Jewelry:**

No jewelry is permitted during performances, including, watches, rings, necklaces, earrings, etc. One set of **posts** is allowed in the ear.

No body piercing jewelry is allowed (nose, lip, eyebrow, etc.).

Only pins and insignia related to the band activities are permitted and must have approval of the band director.

**R. Football Games:**

The uniform is to be worn at ALL times. This includes when in the stands at football games and at the refreshment stand while on third quarter break. If you are caught not in full uniform (minus the hat) you will lose your third quarter break privilege.

While in the football stands, the approved Freedom band baseball cap or Freedom knit cap may be worn if you wish, but **NO OTHER CAP IS PERMITTED** while in uniform.

**S. Bus Travel:**

All band members **must** wear the band trousers on the bus. Students will not be permitted to board the bus until they are in their trousers.

**Band coats, if not worn, must be carried in a garment bag labeled with your name on it.**

Mistreated uniforms will be taken and members will be charged for cleaning and/or repair.

**T. Inspections:**

Periodic inspections will be made at parades, football games, and concerts in order to insure adherence to the above procedures and guidelines. Infractions will result in reduction of band grade and failure to follow directions will jeopardize continued membership. Read the Freedom High School Band Grading Policy.