

# Bay High Marching Band Uniform Policies and Procedures

**New Band Members:** You will be issued a uniform jacket, pants, raincoat and hat that will remain at school. You will also be issued a plastic bag to stay in your gig bag and band polo that you will keep at home. The following band uniform accessories will need to be purchased during uniform fitting:

- **Dinkles** (the white band shoes)
  - New Dinkles are \$35. Used Dinkles are \$10 – there is a limited selection of used shoes. You will need to clean your Dinkles at home throughout the year.
- **Gig bags** are \$35 (used to store hat, raincoat and personal items for performances). Label it with your name or initials for identification purposes. Please follow the school “Student Code of Conduct-Dress Code” that indicates no obscenities or inappropriate language/pictures be displayed. Note – the hats and raincoats take up most of the room in the gig bag. Please do not overstuff the gig bag or the zipper will break.
- Marching band **t-shirts** are \$7 (worn under uniform jacket for all performances).
- **Gloves** are \$3 (drum line does not wear gloves).
- There is also a **dry cleaning fee** of \$35 for end-of-season uniform cleaning that is due at this time.

**Items can be paid for with cash or check made payable to Bay Music Boosters.**

Additional uniform items that you are responsible for purchasing on your own:

- White athletic crew socks (socks must cover ankle)
- Stone-colored khaki pants (summer uniform)
- White shoe polish to maintain Dinkles

**Returning Band Members:** The dry-cleaning fee is \$35 and can be paid for with cash or a check made payable to Bay Music Boosters. Make sure you have your gloves, Dinkles, marching band t-shirt, and athletic socks that cover the ankle. If you cannot find these items, they will be available for purchase. If you are unable to locate your band polo, a new one will be issued, and a \$25 replacement fee will be charged.

**Alterations:** **Uniforms may not be altered.** You must see a Head Uniform Parent to exchange for the correct size.

**Raincoats and Hats:** Raincoats and Hats will be stored at the school. You will need to pick up your hat before each performance and put your hat in your gig bag. After the performance, you will return your hat to the hat box and place it back on the shelf. If hats and/or raincoats are wet, students will be instructed to leave them on chairs in the band room to dry. Wet raincoats and hats will mildew if they are not dried properly before storage. Replacement fee for mildew-stained raincoats is \$150. Replacement fee for hats is \$96.

**Summer Uniforms:** Summer uniforms may be required as early as the first football game if temperature or weather conditions indicate. The summer uniform consists of a blue embroidered polo shirt (issued on uniform fitting night) and stone-colored khaki pants (your responsibility). These items are stored at home. Marchers keep the same polo shirt as long as they remain in the band. However, you can exchange for a different size with a Head Uniform Parent. The polos must be returned before a student graduates or when a student discontinues marching band. ***Please make sure the shirt and pants are cleaned and ironed before they are worn for a performance.***

**Performances:** At least one half-hour before scheduled “attendance time” for the band, uniform jacket and pants will be handed out. You are responsible for keeping track of the hanger since the uniform needs to be returned neatly hung on that hanger. Note that your band t-shirt must be worn under your uniform jacket. Boys change in the auditorium; girls change in the choir room. If any uniform repairs are needed, report it ***immediately*** so Uniform Volunteers can repair it or replace it ***before*** the performance.

**Uniform Inspection:** Before the scheduled “attendance time,” you will be required to pass uniform inspection. We will be looking to make sure you are wearing your band t-shirt, white socks that cover your ankles, and your Dinkles (white band shoes) are white with no scuff marks. Wash your Dinkles with Windex and if necessary. Please do not use shoe polish. Wet shoe polish will ruin the uniform pants. We will also be checking to make sure you have your gloves, hat, blue plastic bags and raincoat (if rain is in the forecast), in your gig-bags. Remember not to overstuff your gig bag or the zipper may break.

**Buses and Uniforms:** You must be in full uniform while riding a bus, both to and from the events. If temperatures require jackets to be removed on the bus or in the stands, jackets must be stored in blue plastic bags. Any person exiting the bus out of uniform will be ushered back into the bus to “re-uniform.”

**Returning the Uniform After a Performance:** Neatness counts! The jacket and pants must be hung up neatly on the hanger. Fold pants with the seams folded together and creases FLAT on the hanger. Clean out pockets and zip the jacket unless instructed otherwise. Hang jacket with the cape fully attached and hanging free of creases. The front of the jacket must be on the same side of the hanger as the jacket number label. Report any stains, missing buttons, or other problems to Uniform Volunteers. If uniforms are not hung up properly you will be sent to the back of the line to hang it neatly. There will be a \$5 replacement fee for lost or misplaced hangers. Hats need to be put back in your hat box and returned to the shelf. Do not leave wet gloves or any other items in your hat box. Wet hats will mildew in closed storage boxes, so please inform a uniform volunteer if your hat is wet after a performance.

**The Band Room, Instrument Storage Area, Auditorium, and Practice Rooms are NOT appropriate places to leave uniform jackets, pants, and hats. They should be turned in. Gig bags and Dinkles should be taken home in between performances.**

Dirty and/or Stained Uniforms or Those in Need of Repair: *Please report any problems or stains to the Uniform Volunteers immediately! They will do everything they can to make sure your uniform is in top condition for each performance. Avoid food that stains the uniform – especially chocolate or orange-colored food such as Cheetos and Nacho cheese sauce.*

**Keep suspenders adjusted to maintain proper hem length and worn up over shoulders at all times. If your pants are too long, please inform a volunteer immediately so they can be hemmed to prevent permanent damage. A \$50 damage fee will be charged for any pants that have to be permanently shortened due to frayed hems.**

Announcements will be made regarding cleaning of the uniforms, especially in case of wet or dirty performances or in hot, muggy weather. **Do not attempt to wash or dry clean any part of the uniform yourself.** Even at the performance site, report any stains or problems to Uniform Volunteers immediately so they can be remedied.

\*\* Please note under **NO** circumstances should a raincoat or uniform jacket be altered in any way. If an alteration is made or if any uniform parts are lost, damaged, or ruined you will be charged the following replacement fee:

Jacket - \$390	Pants - \$211	Raincoat - \$150
Plume - \$50	Polo - \$30	Beret - \$13
Hat - \$96	Cape - \$114	Garment Bag - \$20

Please note that school policy states that report cards and school records will be held until fees are paid. Seniors will not be allowed to participate in commencement until all uniform parts have been turned in or paid for in full.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Mr. Allen at the BHS Band Office at 617-7480 or email at [Darren.Allen@bayschoolsohio.org](mailto:Darren.Allen@bayschoolsohio.org), or Tracy Deibel at 440-821-3482 or email at [tjdeibel06@gmail.com](mailto:tjdeibel06@gmail.com).

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**Please bring the following contract page along with cash or a check made payable to Bay Music Boosters to cover uniform fees when you come to BHS on the uniform issue night. The contract page must be signed by BOTH the marcher and a parent or guardian, so please plan accordingly if an adult will not be present at the uniform fitting.**

# Bay High Marching Band Uniform Contract

I hereby certify that by signing this form, I acknowledge and accept all terms and conditions of the Bay High School Marching Band Uniform Policies and Procedures and will be bound by said terms and conditions. I understand that my financial liability may be as much as \$735 if all issued uniform items are lost or damaged beyond repair. Parent and student email addresses will be added to the Bay Music Boosters email system so that you will receive timely emails from Mr. Allen regarding performances and practices. Please PRINT legibly, or you may miss important announcements!

Marcher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print)

Parent/Guardian email \_\_\_\_\_  
 currently subscribed     opt out

Parent cell \_\_\_\_\_

Student email \_\_\_\_\_  
 currently subscribed     opt out

Student cell \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year    **2025**    2026    2027    2028

Dry cleaning fee.....\$ 35  
 (All Marching Band members pay)

Dinkles ....Size / @\$35new/\$10used \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gloves ..... Quantity  @ \$3 ea.\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Band t-shirt ..... Quantity  @ \$7 ea.\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gig Bag (\$35) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Beret for Sousaphone (\$13).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Uniform Numbers**  
*fitting night volunteers will complete this section*

Jacket # \_\_\_\_\_

Pants # \_\_\_\_\_

Hat # \_\_\_\_\_

Raincoat # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Students store raincoat at home)

Polo Shirt # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Students store polo at home)

Check (payable to Bay Music Boosters) # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember to pay fees and turn in this form before you leave.**