

**Amador Valley High School Marching Band
Uniform Instructions and Contract
2007-2008**

Dear Parents and Marching Band students,

Please review this form regarding the care and use of your band uniform. Each student will be assigned various pieces of their marching uniform during their fitting. Uniforms should be kept safely at home and worn/transported to and from games and competitions by each band member. These uniforms are very expensive and difficult to replace. Each parent will be financially responsible for each piece of the uniform. Damage to or loss of any part of the uniform will result in full replacement charges billed to your student's account. Please be sure that your student takes excellent care of this uniform. **Failure to comply with the uniform policy will result in the loss of performing privileges and also a loss of academic points. See full description in the Handbook.**

Instructions for storage and use of each uniform piece:

Each garment bag has the student name and identification information listed on the front label. The pants and jacket should be on hangers in the bag and the gloves and gauntlets should be placed inside the Ziploc bag and stored inside the garment bag.

DO NOT PUT THE SHOES IN THE GARMENT BAGS – the bag WILL rip!

*Pants should be stored properly with the legs creased and hanging over a sturdy suit hanger. The seams on the inside and outside of your pants should be in the center of the hanger. The pants should be hung and stored so that no wrinkles appear. **Pants should only be worn when the marching shoes are worn.** The pants were hemmed at the appropriate length for these shoes. Wearing different shoes can result in the pants dragging causing fraying and damage to the pant leg

* The jacket should be hanging smoothly over a sturdy hanger and Velcro closed. The shoulder "wings" should be folded up and back to help retain their shape.

*Each student is assigned a pair of long black gloves. Only certain approved instrument sections will cut off the tips of the gloves. They will then be need to be coated with a product called Fray Check to ensure that they do not unravel. This product can be purchased at a craft store. The gloves should be stored in the Ziploc bag along with the gauntlets and then stored inside the garment bag.

* Students should wear their marching shoes each time the uniform is worn. The shoes should have the student's initials written on the inside of the shoes. The shoes will be stored and transported in each student's shoe box when they are not being worn. Shoes must be cleaned prior to each performance, including the leather tops and the soles.

*Students are required to furnish their own black socks. These do not need to be stored inside the garment bag but will need to be worn every time the marching shoes are worn. Please change out your black socks each time the uniform is worn! You may want to keep a spare pair of socks with your shoes.

* Band T-shirts are to be worn to each event and under the jacket when in uniform. The t-shirts should be cleaned between each use.

* Shakos (hats) along with the plumes/birdies will be kept inside their box and on their proper carts at school when not in use. RA's will be responsible for the distribution of the shakos and plumes at each event.

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WARNING! There are very specific instructions for the care and handling of these uniforms. Please refer to the hemming and washing instructions on the web site for the proper maintenance of the various pieces of the uniform.

It is every student's responsibility to treat the uniform with the utmost care and respect. Students and/or their parents assume responsibility for all uniform pieces issued to him/her. Restitution for lost or damaged uniform pieces will be the responsibility of the band member and/or his/her parents.

Breakdown of the cost of the uniform is as follows:

Jacket: \$130.00 Sequins drop: \$33.00 Pants: \$58.00

Gauntlets: \$22.00

Shipping and handling is included.

WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS AND ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY AS INDICATED

Student Name _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assigned uniform pieces:

Pants: size _____ # _____ Jacket: size _____ # _____

Gauntlets: size _____ # _____ Gloves: size _____ Shako: size _____

Condition list:

Pants _____

Jacket _____

Sequins drop _____

Gauntlets _____

Shako _____

Please return the above signed form to the band office by no later than Friday, October 19th.