



The Beat

Frequently Asked Questions

Marching Uniforms



“What does the band uniform consist of and what does the student need to provide?” Starting at the bottom of the uniform, we have black marching shoes. These are shoes specifically designed for marching. The soles are slightly curved allowing the marcher to roll front to back. They are also light weight and low maintenance. During summer band camp, you will have the opportunity for your student to purchase shoes. An email will be sent to the parents asking for payment (PayPal or by check to Coopersville Band Boosters) and what size shoe your student needs. They will be delivered to the school before the first home football game. They cost \$25.

The students must bring and wear their own black socks.

Bronco Band t-shirts must be worn under the marching jacket. The t-shirt provides a continuity of the uniform if the students remove their marching jacket due to warm weather while in the stands. Also, some students’ t-shirt neckline shows above the jacket neckline. This way they will all have the same color. The Bronco Band t-shirts will be used for the duration of their high school career and are \$10 each.

The school provides black bibbers (pants), jackets, gauntlets, gloves, hats or berets, and plumes to students depending on what instrument section they are in. Gauntlets are worn on their forearm. Plumes are a long, soft feather worn on the hat for ornament.

“Do all students wear all the uniform pieces?” No. Drumline and pit do not wear gauntlets or gloves. These items get in the way of their playing. Pit also does not wear hats. Sousaphones wear berets instead of hats. The hats and instrument get in each other’s way. Berets work nicely with sousaphones.

“How are students assigned uniforms?” Students will be measured and then assigned a uniform. During band camp each student will be assigned a time to be fitted before or after camp to make sure the uniform assigned fits well. Each piece of the uniform are numbered. Those numbers will be assigned to your student. It is the

student's responsibility to take care of and keep track of their uniform. If pieces are destroyed or lost, the student will be charged for a replacement.

“How are the uniforms cleaned?” In order to keep our band looking sharp, we will be asking parents to pay an annual dry cleaning fee during the school year. Price to be determined. Thank you for your help with this.