

EL DORADO GOLDEN HAWKS BAND & COLORGUARD

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STUDENT/PARENT GUIDE UNIFORM BASICS

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Basics

In addition to their music, the Band is judged on their appearance both in street competitions and in the field. This includes the grooming of the Band members and the care and cleaning of uniforms.

Marching Season – August through November

Grooming:

Hair: Hair must be short enough to not hit the uniform collar, which is about the height of a dress shirt collar (not a T-shirt collar). You must be able to pull your hair up into your hat or have it short enough so that a little skin shows above your collar.

Piercings: NO jewelry is permitted while in uniform. This means everything including brand new ear piercings, so please DO NOT pierce them (or anything else) right before marching season. Band Aids over fresh piercings are not acceptable... you will be asked to remove your jewelry, (rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and other piercings, etc.).

Facial Hair: All students must be clean shaven for all marching performances. Sorry guys...we love the mustache, but it must wait until after marching season.

Make Up/Nail Polish: NO make-up or nail polish is permitted while in uniform (this is for ALL performances, whether being judged or not). You will be asked to remove it.

Band Whites:

You will be required to arrive at the Band Room in your band Whites any time we have a performance. There is no place to change in private. When away at a competition you may need to change in and out of our uniform as much as three times in one day in a parking lot. Your Band Whites will save you many embarrassing moments and they are REQUIRED. Band Whites consist of the following:

EDHS Gym Shorts - For measuring and fitting in August, you can wear your middle school gym shorts. EDHS gym shorts are available at registration. These work best because they are single layered. Multi-layered shorts like basketball shorts get really hot under your uniform and make your uniform fit funny.

White V-Neck T-Shirt – (NOT CREW NECK) with sleeves – it's a good idea to buy a multi pack, which will save you the stress of last minute washing particularly in weeks with multiple performances.

Black Nylon Dress Socks – (NOT COTTON) – it's a good idea to buy a multi pack, which will save you the stress of last minute washing particularly in weeks with multiple performances.

Black Patent Leather Band Shoes – You will be required to purchase a pair of band shoes during band camp at the uniform fittings. If you are new to El Dorado Band the shoe you wore in middle school are not the same shoes. Once you receive the shoes you will need to read the care instructions carefully in order to get many years of wear out of them. Only polish them with the approved wax. Never use shoe polish on them.

You are responsible for washing your Band Whites....your bus buddies will appreciate it.

Uniforms:

You will be measured, sized and issued a numbered uniform in a garment bag during Band Camp. You will also be issued a number hat and a hatbox. The uniform and hat are your responsibility. Keep track of all the pieces and learn to hang them correctly. Your section leaders and Band Moms will be more than happy to show you. Don't put anything in your garment bag except your uniform and don't put things in your uniform pockets...more than one cell phone has gone to the dry cleaners and more than one really cute pair of earrings has disappeared.

Gloves: You will be issued one pair of gloves. You may want to purchase additional pairs as these tend to go missing or you might sweat and will have to wear wet gloves for your second performance in the same day (order forms will be in your Band Camp package).

Show Shirts:

You will be issued a "Show Shirt" early in the marching season. These shirts are sometimes your uniform for a performance or required attire for the awards ceremony at a competition. Mr. Samson and your section leaders will tell you when you wear them. They also post it on the white board in the Band Room. Pay attention...not having your show shirt is like not having your uniform.

Monday Night Rehearsals:

Typically you will be given a "section shirt" which is a white t-shirt that is designed especially for your section. Your section leader will often require that you wear your section shirt to Monday night rehearsals. Regardless if they do or don't require it...you will be required to wear a white t-shirt. This helps the directors spot errors in the marching maneuvers when they review the video tapes after a practice.

Concert Season – December through June

Girls will have to purchase a concert dress. Information will follow.

Boys typically wear black dress pants, black shoes, white dress shirt and black tie.

Questions?

- Watch your mail for a Band Camp package near the end of the summer.
- Watch for Newsletters through the year.
- Watch for flyers hidden in backpacks.
- Ask your Section Leaders (they want you to look good)
- When all else fails, please contact Shari Chaney at (714)365-7138 or Kathy Ukes at (714)743-5425