

## Band Uniform Washing Instructions

### **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

#### **Avoid washing bib pants and jackets together! Never wash in hot water!**

(The pants are sometimes referred to as bibs or bibbers.)

#### **Use only non-chlorine household laundry detergent. Do not use liquid fabric softener!**

Remove suspender elastics from the bib pants before washing. (Suspender elastics are a length of elastic attached with metal clips to the shoulder straps of some pants.) The metal can rust and stain the bibs. Attach the suspender elastic to the student's garment bag and replace it on their shoulder straps after washing.

### Laundering

Jackets and bib pants are made of completely washable polyester-gabardine. The hip skirt is attached to the jacket with velcro. **Leave the hip skirt attached to the jacket when washing. Make sure no velcro is exposed where the hip skirt is attached. See Figure 1.**

If a stain does occur, sponge with water or treat with an appropriate product before laundering. You may use "Spray and Wash" and other **non-chlorine (does not contain bleach)** stain removers when washing. **Use only non-chlorine detergent!** Many detergents are harsh and have a bleaching ingredient that will cause even colorfast fabric to migrate.

**Do not use liquid fabric softener!** A softener sheet may be used in the dryer, however use only one (1) sheet per dryer load.

Machine wash on the gentle / permanent press cycle, **but do not overload machines. Launder 4 to 6 pieces at a time.** Wash jackets, leaving hip skirts attached, in separate loads from the bib pants. Make sure no Velcro is exposed to prevent 'picking' of the fabric. Fold the extended shoulders back onto the shoulder during washing and drying. Make sure the zippers are closed on the bib pants.

Dry on cool / permanent press setting.

**Caution: Do NOT use a hot dryer setting!** A hot dryer setting will remove the press.

**Remove garments from the dryer and place on a hanger immediately.**

Match item numbers on jackets (FJ-XXXX or MJ-XXXX) and bib pants (FP-XXXX or MP-XXXX) to the numbers listed on the garment bag tags. **Replace uniforms in the garment bags only after they are completely dry.**

No ironing is needed at this time. Do not wash the Gauntlets (leave them in the side pocket of the garment bag). Any other items in the garment bag (gloves, socks, etc) can be left in the garment bag. The students are responsible for washing these items and should not be storing dirty gloves and socks in the garment bag.

Please make sure the pants are on the hanger as shown in Figure 2. The students are required to re-hang their pants like this every time they wear the uniforms. It is a constant struggle but it helps if they see that the washers have followed this photo. Thank you!

If you notice any damage or a stain that cannot be removed, please send an email with details to [uniforms@caiband.org](mailto:uniforms@caiband.org). Include the student's name and item number of the damaged uniform.

If you have any questions please call or text Jennifer Beall (832) 538-8312 or Melinda Sirman (832) 367-4061. Thank you for volunteering!



Figure 1: Jacket and Hip Skirt

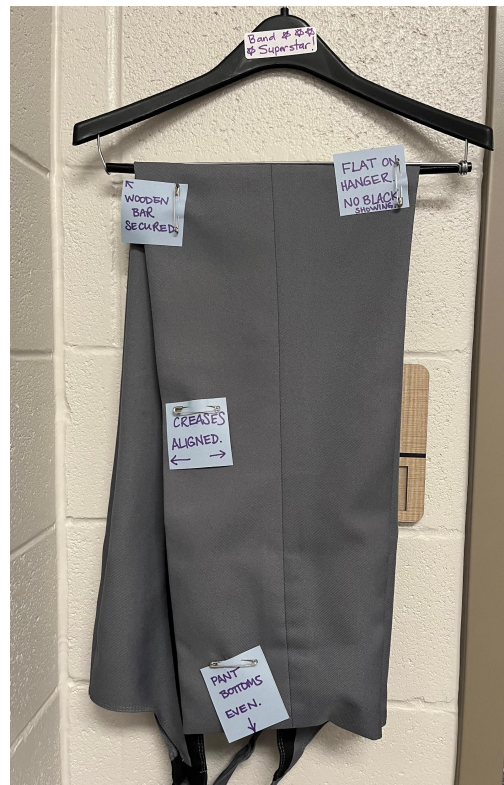


Figure 2: Pants on Hanger