MONACHE BAND UNIFORM RULES AND GUIDELINES

Monache Band is a class act at all times. It is a long standing tradition that Monache Band members always look "classy" whenever they are in uniform in public, whether they are performing or not. Please read these rules and guidelines as they apply **EVERY** time the band is in uniform. **No exceptions will be made.**

Each student is responsible to see that his/her uniform is complete and as perfect as possible. Uniform protocol dictates that the uniform must be complete at all times, regardless of the weather. The jacket must be zipped and buttoned at all times. Students are not allowed to wear beanies, baseball caps or other items while in uniform. Band pants should not be baggy.

No Jewelry of any kind is allowed while in uniform. This includes earrings (all of them-- in the ear and on the face) watches, chains(even thin ones), rings, metal posts and studs. This rule applies to boys and girls. Students can put these items in the pockets located in their jacket or pants. All earrings will be removed, even if they were pierced the day before.

Musicians are not allowed to wear any type of make-up or nail polish. Colorguard and majorettes will follow the advice of their advisor.

No bangs or wisps of hair must show from under the hat. Students who have long hair that cannot be put into a ponytail and held completely under the hat are **REQUIRED** to wear a skullcap. If MBPA must issue your student a skullcap for a performance, the student's account will be charged $20. This applies to boys and girls. Hats must be worn perfectly straight, not tilted. There should be enough space for three fingers between the edge of the hat bill and the edge of the nose. Hats are never to be worn backward.

If MBPA issues your student a pair of gloves or socks, they will be charged $5.00. This will be charged to your student's account.

General information
All of the uniforms were checked over the summer and repairs were made. However if you find something that got past us, please make us aware so that the repairs can be made now. Check for loose buttons. All pants and jackets have been hemmed to the correct length.

Band shoes: White band shoes can be purchased at Whites Music or via the Internet. Purchase Drill Master Shoes. White's does not carry this brand, but their brand has been approved. Drill Master marching shoes are available at: www.marchingworld com (This is Peacock's Marching World website.)

Gloves: Two pairs of white gloves are needed at all times. Students should keep their extra gloves in their hat. Please wash gloves after each performance. Students who need to cut the fingertips of the gloves should do so before coming to competiton/events to avoid problems at the last minute.

Socks: Two pairs of black socks are needed. Black only-- not navy or brown.

Gym type shorts and band shirt: Students must wear these items under their uniform at all times. The shorts should not be long, loose or baggy, t hey should be gym or bike shorts that do not show under the uniform pants. Only the band T-shirt can be worn under the jacket.

Cleaning: Uniforms must be cleaned 3 or 4 times during the year, usually before competitions at the director's discretion. Do not send the braids or collar liner to the cleaners. Wash the collar liner at home in warm sudsy water and lay flat to dry. Collar liners get very dirty in the warm weather, so please keep them clean.

When at home, keep the uniform on the wooden hanger. Wire or plastic hangers will break from the weight of the uniform. After cleaning, be sure to transfer the uniform back to the wooden hangar.

On competition days, do not wear your band shoes to the band room. Wear regular shoes with your black socks. Wrap each clean band shoe in an individual plastic bag. Please clean and polish your band shoes at home!