**Meridian High School Band
Concert Band Attire**

**Concert attire is all black.** Gentlemen are to be in **black slacks, black shoes and socks, a black button up shirt. Ladies are in their choice of a black skirt or dress which covers the shoulders and knees while seated, black slacks and a black top with black shoes.** Jeans are never acceptable. Keep in mind; concerts are about the music, not about personal fashion. Accessorize, but no ‘bling’. Your accessories must not take attract attention away from the ‘group’.

If there are questions, ask Mr. DeGrace. The attire we choose must not take away from the musical experience. We must represent a professional appearance at all times. Also, please review what the Meridian School District considers appropriate attire. Please make your choices within these guidelines.

**Marching Uniform Commitment**

In the past few years, the district and booster club have spent a great deal of money to purchase our fifty uniforms. We will use them for marching band. It is crucial for the care of the uniform and the professionalism of our image that each student takes responsibility for the following guidelines.

Students need to provide:
 **- FULL LENGTH black socks - with no advertisements.**
 - A T-Shirt with short sleeves or underarmour - no tank-tops under the uniform.
 - Bike shorts (spandex) are required when changing into uniform. No jeans or baggy shorts under the uniform.
 - Students may be instructed to have alterations done on the uniform (hemming pants, etc)

**Marching Band:**
Students are "on duty" while in uniform - it's not play time. **To preserve our professional image:**
Every member of our team will be in FULL UNIFORM or HALF UNIFORM - No one person is to get out of uniform unless the entire group is instructed to do so. We cannot look sloppy and disorganized in the public eye. Students should not expect to always be comfortable - to present a professional appearance, we have to give up some of our comfort for the time we are in uniform.

- No Jewelry of any kind - remove all earrings, nose rings. Avoid makeup as it may damage the uniform.
- Long hair is to be put into a **single braid.**
- No ball caps/sunglasses in FULL OR HALF uniform.
- No food or drink in uniform under any circumstances. Water is ok. There might be a time when students may eat in half uniform, but only under Mr. DeGrace's direct instruction. Don't make assumptions.
- No Horseplay or roughhousing in uniform.
- Don't run or swear - act with maturity and professionalism while in uniform.

Students are responsible for the care of their uniform. If damage of any kind happens to their uniform, they will be responsible for the replacement cost. Students must protect their own uniform - any damage will be charged to them.

Replacement costs
**Total Replacement Cost - Fall 2019 - $307**
Coat - $150
Pants - $100
Gauntlets - $20
Drillmaster Shoes - $35
Gloves/Wristbands - $2

**To hang up the uniforms:** Fold the pants along the creases, as you would hang good dress pants. The jacket goes on the hanger with the front of the jacket on the concave part of the hanger. Gauntlets and Shoes should be in a shoe bag or shoe box - not left in your garment bag.

Proper uniform guidelines are a part of the performance grade. If there are issues or a student refuses to obey the expectations, they will not be allowed to wear the uniform.

If there are financial issues with acquiring the appropriate attire before the winter concert, please talk to Mr. DeGrace. There may be some help available.