

What to Pack in Your Garment Bag

Here is a list of items for your garment bag ...

- **DURABLE, HEAVY DUTY HANGER:** Common, thin wire hangers will bend and cause wrinkles in uniform pants.
- **EXTRA BLACK SOCKS:** An emergency pair in case of rain (Wet feet are cold feet!) or in case student forgets to wear black ones.
- **INSTANT SHOE SHINE:** Indispensable for a last minute “spit shine.”
- **HARD BRISTLE SCRUB BRUSH:** Wonderful for brushing out dried dirt on pants.
- **HOT HANDS/HAND WARMERS:** When it’s cold outside, everyone wants them!
- **ELASTICS/HAIR NETS/BOBBY PINS/BRUSH or COMB:** Hairnets are best to hold up fine hair and reduce last minute pre-show pinning. Remember: Hair must be **ABOVE THE COLLAR**. This rule applies to both girls and boys.
- **SMALL CONTAINER:** Holds earrings, watches, etc., removed before competitions.
- **PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS:** Great for transport of wet and/or soiled items, especially muddy band shoes. Plastic bags keep the garment bag clean, dirty and clean stuff separate.
- **EXTRA BAND SHOW SHIRT:** You will order two band show shirts. Your student will wear one and keep the clean shirt in the garment bag in case of wet weather. Hint: Some parents keep a plain, same color shirt in the bag for an emergency dry clothing change.

Before each show, please check what your band member is wearing **UNDER** the uniform pants.

- First, it must be appropriate for changing on a co-ed bus before shows.
- Second, if too bulky, like some pajama pants and jeans (**JEANS ARE NOT PERMITTED UNDER BAND PANTS**), pants do not hang with a crease, and that could adversely affect our score. Be certain that nothing is showing under the hem.

Remember **WHEN THE WEATHER GETS COLD**, get your thermals out.

Keep this list handy so you will have a reference for each show.