

## **UNIFORM PROTOCOL MILFORD MARCHING BAND**

These guidelines are in effect for ANY type of performance – concert or marching – and should be followed completely! If in doubt, stay on the conservative side of the rules. The intent is to be seen as a class act at all times – on and off the field.

When in uniform, be in full uniform. No wandering around without the jacket, jacket on backwards, no pants, etc. Never wander around with jacket unzipped. Gloves may be optional. When you are outside, the shako is on, when inside, the shako is off. Exceptions include only when EVERYONE takes their shako off together.

No public displays of affection while in uniform – this includes holding hands, kissing, etc. A “greeting hug” is appropriate if it is coming from someone NOT in uniform. You may walk with your “significant other”, etc. but basically, don’t touch.

Do not run in uniform.

Use appropriate language in uniform. Inappropriate language or foul language is **never** acceptable, but especially while in uniform!

Be uber-polite while in uniform – you will be surprised at the results from other people!

Do not talk down about other groups in public. The reason is – their parents may be in front of you, behind you, etc. and it is a bad reflection on you and the band to have people bad-mouthing other groups. If you really need to do that, do it on the bus on the way home. **PLEASE** relay this to your parents and friends, too!

Treat your uniform with pride. Your uniform represents you and your band. Be proud of your band and of yourself and your uniform.

**Uniform pants should be hemmed to a length of 2 ¾ inches from the floor with shoes on. Shakos should be worn ½ inch above the ears, ¼ inch above the eyebrows which will put the visor just below the eyebrows. If the hat does not fit properly, adjustments may be made by loosening/tightening the string inside the shako.**

If you are not sure if you should do (whatever) in uniform – you probably shouldn’t.

Keep your uniform neat and clean. Keep it neatly pressed. Be really deliberate in keeping all the parts together. Be prepared to perform!

Behave the best way you know – don’t become a negative impact to the band or your school and community!

Have fun!