

NHS Band Department  
**General Personal Appearance and Grooming for Performances**  
**Marching Band, Concert Ensembles, Jazz Bands**

It is of high importance for the band to present a dignified professional image during public events – particularly in a military community such as ours. Our school and boosters have gone to great expense and effort to provide the band with professional style uniforms and it is only appropriate that the personal grooming and appearance of individual members appropriately match and blend into the quality and professional image of our performance uniforms and dress. It is for this reason that we have adopted the following polices.

1. **NO** visible tattoos – please cover appropriately so as **NOT** to call attention to them;
2. While it is strongly recommended that there be no visible jewelry worn, in the event where a student has piercings that may not be reasonable removable, very small studs that **DO NOT** call attention to the individual (either by **size** or **color**) will be allowed;
3. **NO** visible bracelets and rings that either **call attention** to the individual or **might interfere** with the playing of the instrument will be allowed;

4. Hair must be well groomed;

***Hair must be up and off the collar of any uniform.*** Although 70's hair styles have made a comeback, many sports teams still require their members to cut their hair short so as to create a look of uniformity among the players. If everyone will adhere to the "off the collar" request we will never have to implement a hair cut prescription.

Use small hair elastics, ribbons, & clips that match hair color (**these must not call attention to the individual**);

Small Ribbons (thin ¼ inch max)

Hair style must be neat and must not cover the face;

Hair color (natural color only) and / or style must **NOT** call attention to the individual;

5. Make Up;

Minimal general make up only; Must **NOT** call attention to the individual:

Minimal foundation and eye color (neutral color only)

No colored fingernail polish (clear or neutral only)

Fingernails clipped and clean

No Glitter of any kind

For questions regarding uniforms, shoes, hosiery, socks, or other accessories to the formal uniforms, please refer to the Concert Uniform Informational Handout or ask the band directors well in advance of the performance. Drama and emotional upsets over personal grooming, dress, and uniform issues prior to a performance situation reduce the level of performance and the enjoyment of the performance for all concerned. Please be responsible and plan for performance dress and appearance well in advance.