



## NPMK Uniform Guide

**NOTE:** This uniform belongs to the school district; please keep it clean and on a hanger when not in use. This will help you look good every week and help the uniform last longer. NEVER cut material: Each year the uniform is reused and readjusted for the individual student.

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### PANT HEMMING INSTRUCTIONS: DO NOT CUT MATERIAL

- In stocking feet, the rear hem of the pant (by the heel) should touch the floor. The front should break slightly over the foot. In shoes, it's about 2" of the floor, with rear hem hitting mid-shoe.



- If you choose to pin: use safety pins making sure as little of the pin as possible shows through the fabric. The seam is a good place to pin as it doesn't show through the fabric. If the pants are exceptionally long you can double-fold the hem and use safety pins to secure.
- If you choose to hem: hand sewing is preferred as the hem is easier to remove or adjust for the next student who wears the uniform. Either way, use matching color thread and a blind hem stitch so the hem does not show through the fabric.

**DO NOT USE IRON-ON SEAM TAPE:** It creates a sticky residue that ruins the pant hem.

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#### PROPER CARE OF UNIFORM

- Hang pants correctly on the hanger: Align the seams at the cuffs and fold over hanger. If you do this, you will not need to iron your pants during the season.
- **Air out your uniform for 24 hours after wearing.** Hang your uniform, outside of the garment bag, for at least a day. Then return it to the garment bag to stay protected.
- Never place zippered garment bag/uniform in a car or airtight area for long. Mildew will grow. Get uniform out and hanging in a closet or ventilated area as soon as possible.
- **Got rained on?** Hang the uniform on a hanger or chair in a well-ventilated area for at least 48 hours, until perfectly dry. If wet garments are not thoroughly dried, mildew will form and can permanently damage the uniform.
- **Got muddy?** Hang the pants correctly on the hanger and let them dry, then brush off the dirt. If wet mud is rubbed into the pores of the fabric, it will stain.
- Ironing: Press each hem lightly with an iron on medium heat. Place a towel or fabric napkin between the hem and the iron to protect the uniform. Wool gets shiny when ironed directly, and it shortens the life of the uniform.

#### UNIFORM CLEANING:

- Traditionals are dry-clean only. If the uniform needs to be dry-cleaned, contact our Uniform Coordinator at [npma.uniforms@gmail.com](mailto:npma.uniforms@gmail.com). We prefer to use our usual dry cleaner (Kowloon's in Harleysville) so we know they will be cared for properly.
- Stadium coats: Machine wash on cold, hang to dry. Do not put in dryer (shrinks and warps material)
- Velvets: May be steamed or home dry-cleaned (e.g. Dryel or other brand)

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