

Key points:

- Pack the uniform on the hanger provided into the garment bag.
- **DO NOT remove the dry cleaning plastic bag** (this helps keep the uniform wrinkle-free).
- Uniforms need to be packed carefully and not crushed.
- A standard carry-on suitcase is **TOO SMALL** to fit a uniform, vipers, clothing and toiletries **unless** it has a suiter side and expansion zippers for extra depth.
- Students should **use a full-sized suitcase (roughly 18 x 24 inches)** to pack their uniform and vipers. These measurements are approximate, so the suitcase can be slightly larger or smaller.
- The band community has enough full-sized suitcases to share if any student does not have one.
- Fill out the Google Forms survey if you need a full-sized suitcase, or have one to share.

How to pack a uniform in a garment bag:

1. **Our recommendation: use a suitcase that measures 1 Moa!** This is an 18x24" bag with a "suiter" side flap that accommodates the garment bag and hanger and one deep compartment.



2. Keep your uniform in its garment bag. It should be in drycleaning plastic. Do not remove that; it helps keep the uniform wrinkle-free).



3. Packing garment bag in suitcase:

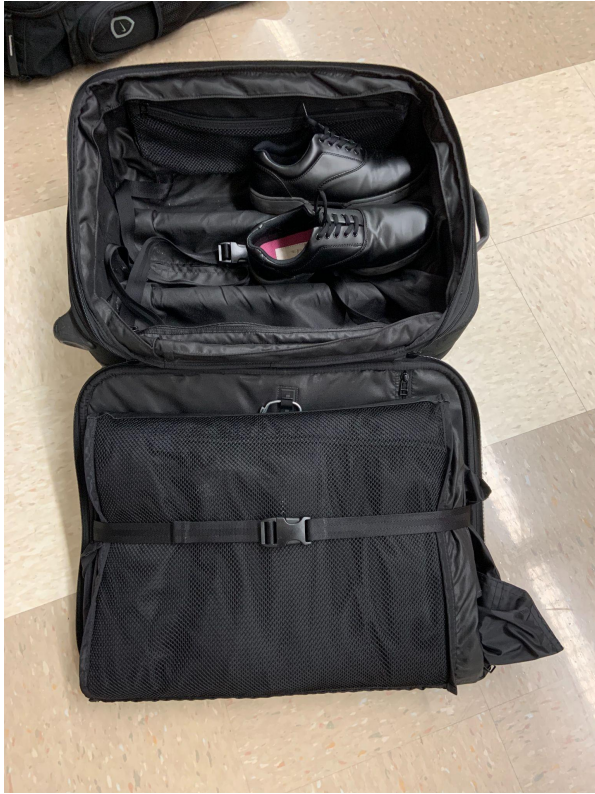
If the bag has a suiter compartment, lay the uniform in its garment bag into the suiter compartment and fold neatly.



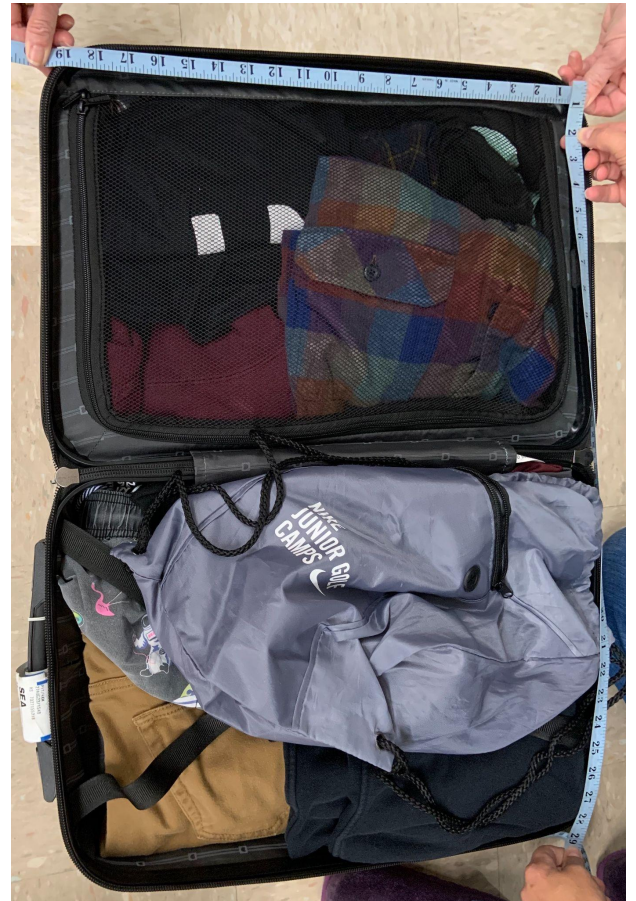
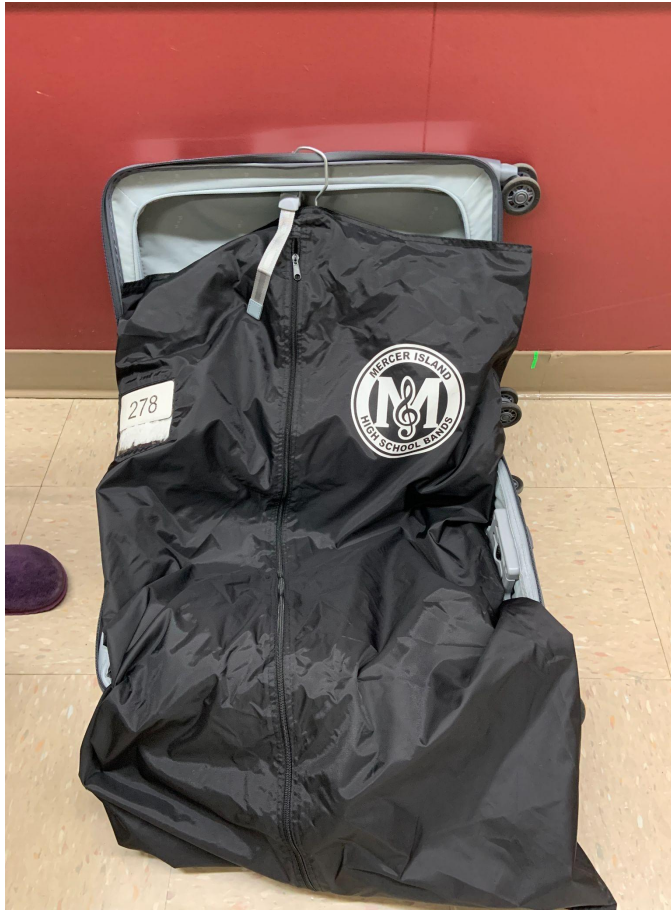
If the bag doesn't have a separate compartment, just carefully fold the garment bag over and lay it neatly into the bottom of the bag like this:



A carry-on suiter-style suitcase **may** also work if your student is checking their instrument and has room in a backpack for some clothes, but it's a tight fit **so double-check now**. This one measures: **21" x 17" by 9"** and has expansion zippers to make it deeper (fine for checking).



Do NOT use a typical carry-on suitcase (14 x 18 inches) that has two-sided compartments (not a suiter) on the Macy's trip. It's too small!



Vipers are in this suitcase with all the items recommended on the packing checklist **but the uniform will not fit!**

