

CONCERT BLACK ATTIRE

How an ensemble dresses for concerts is very important. A group who comes onto the stage well-dressed shows respect for their audience, reflects personal pride, and gives off an aura of “something special is going to happen.” As musicians, much of our energy in rehearsal and performance is spent in the world of sound. However, the visual world can take precedence in the human brain. We need to dress and act in a way that puts the audience’s focus on our music.

For this year’s concerts, students will wear the “uniform” of professional musicians referred to as “Concert Black”.

WHAT IS CONCERT BLACK ATTIRE?

First and foremost, it is completely black. Concert black is formal, classy, and elegant. Students are free to choose the components of their concert blacks within the following guidelines:

- Solid-black dress shirt (black necktie or bow tie optional).
- Solid-black blouse.

- Full-length black dress pants and black belt.
- Ankle-length skirt or full-length dress.

- Solid-black dress shoes and long black socks.
- Solid-black flats. No heels please.

- ****All attire must abide by the HUSD Code of Conduct: Student Dress Standards**

Why such a strict dress code? Our MUSIC is the focus of our concerts, not the personal fashion choices of any individual. What we achieve as an ensemble, we achieve TOGETHER.



WHAT IS NOT CONCERT BLACK ATTIRE?

- T-shirts, shirts with large logos or designs
- jeans, sweats, warm-up pants, yoga pants, leggings, mini-skirts or shorts
- flip-flops, sports shoes, sneakers, black shoes with colored stripes or logos
- white socks or colored socks

SOME HINTS ON PUTTING TOGETHER YOUR CONCERT BLACK ATTIRE

- Because students are growing, borrowing from older siblings, parents, or even aunts, uncles & cousins (especially shoes) is a great idea!
- If you decide to buy, consider purchasing sizes that allow for growing (enough for a year or two of use as the student gets older).
- Thrift stores can be a great place to find dressy clothing in good shape.
- Although we want to look nice, an elementary school concert is not the opera and truly formal attire is not expected ... though if you happen to have a black tuxedo on hand, go for it!

As you put your Concert Black Attire together, keep in mind that your student will be on stage in front of a large audience. If they look good and feel confident, they will perform confidently!

For additional information or other questions, feel free to email Steven.Lambert@husd.org