

Concert Black Attire

How an ensemble dresses for concerts is extremely 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 always takes precedence in the human brain. We need to dress and act in a way that puts the audience’s focus on our music. What a cool thing we do!!

For the majority of our Falcon Choir Concerts & Events, Falcon Choir students will wear the “uniform” of professional musicians referred to as “Concert Black” from their waist to the floor. The top portion of our MHMS concert uniform will be the provided shirt (concert polos for Intermediate & Advanced and concert t-shirts for Beginning).

What is Concert Black Attire?

First and foremost, it is completely black. (Thanks, Captain Obvious.) Concert black is formal, classy, and elegant. Students are free to choose the components of their concert blacks (all black from their waist to the floor) within the following guidelines:

- black dress pants, slacks, skirt, or dress (skirt length is at the knee or longer)
- black socks or black opaque stockings/tights
- black shoes
- see pictures below for examples
- ** Also, a black or solid color mask when this protocol is necessary

What is NOT Concert Black Attire?

- 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, colored socks, no-socks, bare legs, or bare feet

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, allow for growing (not quite clown suite big, but enough for a year or two)
- thrift stores can be a great place to find more dressy clothing in good shape
- although we want to look nice, a middle school choir concert is not the opera and truly formal attire is not expected
- students simply need to be dressed up nicer than what is worn to school, a sporting event, etc.

