

Concert Dress Code Policy

NMYO has an outstanding music program. When NMYO performs in public, we want to present the entire package to the audience. This means playing our best while looking uniform and professional. Therefore, the NMYO Dress Code Policy has been established for all public events.

Attire that distracts from the music is considered unacceptable. Musicians who do not follow the dress code will be instructed to contact a parent to ask for the appropriate concert dress prior to concert time. If the attire is not considered appropriate and in accordance with the dress code, musicians may be asked to perform at the back of their section or may be asked not to perform at all.

Note: Concert dress is required for concerts only. The final rehearsal before a concert (dress rehearsal) does not require concert dress.

For all ensembles, the following will not be permitted on stage:

- Sequins, rhinestones, hats, scarves, or other decorative accessories
- Sleeveless, strapless, or spaghetti strap tops; tank tops, t-shirts, halter or backless dresses or blouses; low-cut tops or dresses
- Miniskirts, skirts with slits higher than the knee, jeans, cargo pants, hip-hugger pants, crop pants
- Sandals, flip flops, sneakers

Personal Dress Code Test

See the following pages for the appropriate attire for each ensemble. Musicians should feel comfortable in their concert clothing to play their best. Here is the test! Can you pass it?

Ladies: Can you sit in your seat with your instrument without having to adjust your clothes or position so that your skirt or dress doesn't ride above your knees? If wearing slacks, can you sit comfortably without the waistband constricting your air or movement? Can you sit and move comfortably without having to adjust your top? When holding your instrument as if you were playing, does your top cover your midsection at all times without any adjustment of your clothing?

Gentlemen: If your ensemble requires a jacket, it should have an arm length just slightly past your wrists and should feel comfortable when seated with your instrument held as if you were playing. Is your shirt too tight when completely buttoned with a bow tie? Is your shirt comfortably tucked into your pants and can you raise your instrument without your shirt coming untucked? Can you sit comfortably in your slacks without your pants' waistband constricting your air or movement?

Concert Dress for All Ensembles

Prelude and Overture Strings, and Intermezzo Orchestra – Ladies:

- Black skirt (below the knee), or black dress pants
- White blouses, preferably long-sleeve (wrist length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve) that cover the top of the skirt or pants
- Black tights with skirts; black socks with pants
- Black shoes

Prelude and Overture Strings, and Intermezzo Orchestra – Gentlemen:

- Long sleeved white dress shirt
- Black bow tie
- Black dress pants
- Black shoes
- Black socks

Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble – Ladies:

- Black dress or skirt (below the knee), or black dress pants
- Black blouses, preferably long sleeve (wrist length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve) that cover the top of the skirt or pants
- Black tights or nylons with skirts/dresses; black socks with pants
- Black shoes

Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble – Gentlemen:

- Black jacket
- Black dress pants
- Long sleeved white dress shirt
- Black bow tie
- Black shoes
- Black socks

Junior Flute Choir:

- White shirt/blouse/sweater preferably long-sleeve (wrist length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve)
- Black skirt (below the knee) or black dress pants
- Black tights with skirt; black socks with pants
- Black shoes

Flute Choir:

- Black shirt/blouse/sweater preferably long sleeve (wrist length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve)
- Black skirt (below the knee) or black dress pants
- Black tights or nylons with skirt; black socks with pants
- Black shoes

Select Flute Choir:

- Black skirt (below the knee) or black dress pants
- Black tights or nylons with skirt; black socks with pants
- Black shoes
- Ladies: solid color shirt/blouse/sweater preferably long sleeve (wrist length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve)
- Gentlemen: solid color button-down shirt with black tie