

SPARTAN BAND Female **Concert Attire Policy**

Responsibilities

Each student is assigned formal attire for the concert season that is the property of KISD. The female attire is a black formal dress. In the autumn each student will be fitted for her concert attire. The dresses are stored in the uniform closet in the band hall throughout the year. If a student damages or loses any part of the uniform, the student is responsible and will pay the cost of repair or replacement of the article. A dress will be considered damaged if it has been improperly hemmed.

Each female student is expected to provide the following items in addition to the issued dress:

- Black, formal, closed-toe shoes with heel not to exceed 2” (no white accents or other colors).
- Students must wear black or off-black stockings/panty hose.

Alterations

Each band member is responsible for having the required alterations, if necessary, on their garments. The dresses are to be hemmed 2” from the floor while in their shoes – this helps prevent the hem from being caught by a heel or chair leg. **Do not cut** the dress in any way. Preferably, the hem should not be machine-stitched; however, a serger sewing machine may be used. **Do not sew darts** into the hem in order to pull up the fullness. No permanent alterations are to be made since these dresses will be reassigned year after year. If the dress is taken to a seamstress or dressmaker for alterations the student is responsible for ensuring that the dresses are NOT cut and NO DARTS are sewn into the hem.

Check-in / Check-out

The dress will be checked-out to each student before each performance at a specific time designated by the band director. The uniforms will be checked-in immediately after each performance upon

return to the band hall OR at a designated time set by the band director/uniform chairman. Students who fail to follow the appropriate check-out / check-in procedures will be counseled by the band director.

Cleaning

The dresses will be professionally dry-cleaned throughout the year as determined by the band director and uniform vice presidents. Each student is required to pay a “uniform cleaning fee” on “Money Day” at the beginning of each year to cover this cost. Under NO circumstances should a student ever take one’s uniform to the cleaners without permission from the band director or uniform vice president.

Concert Performance Checklist

The following checklist should be used when preparing for a performance:

- garment bag, if necessary
- black hose/stockings
- black, formal, closed-toe shoes
- black formal concert dress

In addition:

- hair may worn up or down
- no jewelry including watches, earrings, necklaces, etc...
- exception: may wear small earrings (studs)
- may wear clear fingernail polish
- no make-up except for **waterproof** mascara (if this rule is violated in any way, it will cause all to do without mascara for the rest of the year!!!!)

If you have any questions, please contact the SLHS Band Booster Board Uniform vice presidents at vpuniforms@slhsband.org or Damon Archer, SLHS Band Director at 281-237-2848.