

SME Orchestra Uniform Policy and Dress Code

Uniforms:

Each student is provided with a uniform for concerts. Uniforms remain the property of the Orchestra and are loaned to the students. Girls are provided with a black dress—they provide their own closed-toed black dress shoes and black hose. Boys wear tuxedos—the jacket, pants, tux shirt, cummerbund and bow tie are provided. Boys should provide their own black dress shoes and black socks. Please adhere to this concert dress code as Mr. Lane is a stickler for this!

There are some absolute “no-no’s: no flip-flops, sneakers, bright jewelry, brown shoes, high heels, etc. All students should have their hair pulled back out of the face. We are very proud of the musicians our students have become and expect them to project a professional image when representing Shawnee Mission East.

You will receive the SME Orchestra Uniform Contract at the time your student is measured for his/her uniform. Please read this policy in its entirety as you will be held accountable for the condition of your student's uniform when it is returned. Both copies of the contract must be signed by student and parent and returned when uniforms are distributed. Uniforms then will be in your care until the end of the performance calendar. Uniforms will be collected at the end of each school year for cleaning. You may request to have your exact uniform returned the following year, as we realize that you have paid to have your student's uniform altered to fit. If a uniform no longer fits, it can be exchanged for another size.

Uniform problems or size changes can be made when necessary throughout the year. Do not exchange uniforms without first notifying Mr. Lane or the Booster Uniform contact person. The returned uniform must be checked in and a new uniform assigned. **You will be held responsible for the specific uniform assigned to you on your uniform contract. Contact Dana Snyder (913-649-0135, allendana1@sbcglobal.net) or Diane Levin (913-649-8458, lev1in@yahoo.com) for any changes.**

Since uniforms are a very large investment for the Orchestra, please RESPECT this policy!

Dress Code – SME Orchestra Concert attire should always portray the quality musicians that students have worked hard to become. This image is best reflected in consistent, dignified, and professional attire. Adherence to the standard of SME Dress Code will reflect your pride and respect for the music, to fellow orchestra members, and to your audiences. Students will be monitored for adherence to the dress code and chronic lack of adherence may be reflected in class grade.

Men - Tuxedos, shirts, cummerbunds and ties are provided. Only SME issued tuxedos may be worn. **Men will provide black socks and black shoes** to wear with their tuxedos. Shirts should be clean and ironed for each performance. Pants should be hemmed so that the length is approximately ½” off the floor. Men should be neatly groomed for every performance.

Women – Black uniform gowns are provided. Only SME issued gown may be worn. **Women will provide black hose or knee high hose and black closed toed shoes with heels no higher than 2”.** Gowns should be hemmed to allow for 1” clearance off the floor to ensure safe movement up and down stairs, and around the stage. Dresses should be clean and well maintained for each performance. Dresses are machine washable so can be laundered at home ... on gentle cycle with gentle soap containing no bleaching agents. Women should be neatly groomed for every performance.