

Boyd Orchestra students have been fitted for their concert uniforms.

Some ladies have new dresses or dresses from inventory that will need to be hemmed up or down according to the hemming directions attached. Ladies will wear black flats.

Gentlemen's pants and jackets have been assigned if their size was in inventory. If their size had to be ordered then those garments will come home soon. Instructions attached can be followed for new and inventory uniforms that require hemming.

**All students were informed if they needed a hem. Please check with your student.**

Uniform inspections will be done for last names ending in A through L during the week of November 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and for last names ending in M through Z during the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Please have hemming completed before inspections.

You may do hemming yourself (additional hemming instructions are provided below), or you may use a professional cleaning establishment. We suggest that you use the following cleaner:

**Imperial Cleaners and Tailor** (the sign says, "We Care Cleaners")

Located at: 6150 W. Eldorado Parkway

McKinney, TX 75070

(Next door to Market Street Supermarket)

214-973-5998

They have quoted a reduced price of \$6.00 for hemming pants and \$8.00 for hemming dresses, **when you mention that you are with the McKinney Boyd HS Orchestra**. Should you need assistance with paying for these services, please contact one of the directors.

**Tuxedo Information:**

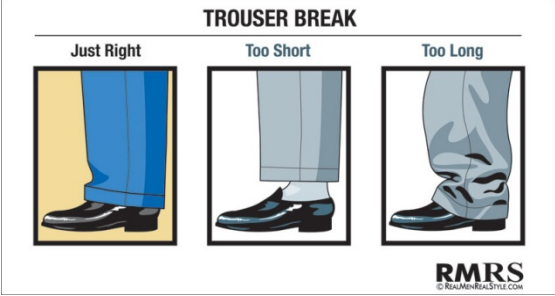
Students are issued a tuxedo jacket and pants, as well as a garment bag for storage and organization. These are the property of Boyd H. S. Orchestra. Please take care of them. **All gentlemen will be required to purchase a black dress shirt with black buttons. It is the same black shirt that was used last year.** The shirt is a typical collared style with no button-down collar. It can be found in many retail establishments including Wal-Mart and online through Amazon. Please clean and press shirts after each use. As with the hem, the shirt should be purchased before the uniform inspection dates above.

Students are also required to wear **black trouser socks and black dress shoes** with their concert uniforms. Please do not forget these items when preparing for concerts.

# Hemming Instructions:

## Pants

Pants hem should result in a slight break. If your student received pants with a hem, you may adjust accordingly. If your student received new pants (no hem) note the following:

 <p>TROUSER BREAK</p> <p>Just Right      Too Short      Too Long</p> <p>RMRS © REALMENREALSTYLE.COM</p>	<p>Mark the pants so the legs will hang with a slight break <b>WITH THE SHOES</b> that your student will <b>ALWAYS</b> wear with the pants. The shoes <b>MUST</b> be black and dressy.</p> <p>Once you have the marking for the proper break, add three inches to this length (if that is available).</p> <p>Using a sewing machine (if available, if not, this step can be done by hand) turn the hem up <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> inch and run around the width of the hem to make a finished edge on the bottom of the pant legs.</p> <p>Now, turn up additional fabric and with an iron, press in the fold. By hand, finish hemming the pant legs with a hemming stitch or slip stitch.</p>
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## Dresses

If the dress checked out to your student already has a hem, and it needs to be lengthened or shortened, do not cut any material from the garment.

## Hemming New Dresses that Do Not have a Hem

New dresses have a rough finished edge and should be hemmed. In some cases material may need to be cut from the bottom to ensure that they hang properly.

If you are doing it yourself, note the following:

1. Please use black thread with an invisible hemming stitch.

2. Do not use hemming tape.
3. Please allow three inches for the hem to allow for growth. Note that some tall students may not have this much available.



Mark the dress so that it will hang one inch off of the ground **WITH THE SHOES** that your student will **ALWAYS** wear with this dress. The shoes **MUST** be black, low-heeled or flat, closed toe and dressy.

Once you have the marking for the "one inch from the ground," add three inches to this length (if that is available).

Using fabric scissors, cut off the additional length of material on the dress.

Using a sewing machine (if available, if not, this step can be done by hand) turn the hem up  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and run around the width of the hem to make a finished edge on the bottom of the dress.

Now, turn the hem up the additional  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches and with an iron, press in the fold. By hand, finish hemming the dress with a hemming stitch or slip stitch.