

South Central Choirs  
**PERFORMANCE DRESS CODE**

**WOMEN**

- **Skirt or dress** of MODEST length; any color is fine
  - NO DENIM or any jeans-like fabric
  - If skirt and blouse are worn, blouse must be dressy – no t-shirts or blouses with plunging necklines
- **Skin-colored hose** only, or none at all; no colored tights or knee socks
- No dangly earrings are permitted; wear studs or none at all
- Long hair must be pulled back into a ponytail; bangs that can rest on the eyelashes must be in a barrette or clip
- **Dress shoes** with **closed toe and closed heel**
  - Slingbacks (closed toe shoes with a strap around the back, holding the shoe on) are fine
  - Clogs and other open-heeled shoes are **NOT** allowed – this is a safety issue with climbing on and off risers
  - No sandals or boots

**MEN**

- Dress shirt (button-down; *no polo shirts!*)
- Necktie or bow tie
- Dress slacks, any color (regular dress pants and “Docker” types are fine; khaki pants are acceptable, as long as they are not the “cargo” style with pockets at the knees)
- NO DENIM or any jeans-like fabric
- No dangly earrings; wear studs or none at all
- Long hair must be pulled back into a ponytail; bangs that can rest on the eyelashes must be secured away from the eyes
- **DRESS SHOES, any dark color** – any kind of men’s dress shoe that is **not** a sneaker is fine. *Please wear dark socks.*
- Cowboy boots are acceptable, as long as they are clean.

**An Important Message to Parents:**

The strictness of this dress code is designed to “raise the bar” in regards to our professional look, demeanor, and hopefully, musical sound on performance night. Much hard work and pride go into our rehearsals; I would like both to be reflected on the stage during the concert. Therefore, the performance dress code, in place since 1999, is non-negotiable. **Students in violation of the performance dress code will not be permitted onstage, and will earn an unexcused absence.** [See SC Choirs Attendance Policy -- online at [schoirs.org](http://schoirs.org) -- for clarification.]

Given that children grow out of their clothing at an alarming rate, especially at younger ages, allow me to suggest thrift shops as an alternative to paying retail, especially for dress shoes, neckties and dress shirts. I have found excellent deals on perfectly acceptable items for our purposes at thrift stores like Goodwill. If buying clothing through the thrift shop option is not financially possible, please let me know via email or telephone, and I will be happy to help. [I will not accept notification through a student; the parent must contact me personally.] **However, please do not wait until the week (or day) of the concert to notify me.** I will be unable to assist you at that late date.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Email is the best way, but it is possible to catch me by phone as well. Thanks in advance for your help in getting the choirs off to a great start.

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