

Students Name: _____

CHOIR DRESS – CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you all for your support in making our choir look as good as they sound. These uniforms were purchased for us by the district so let's keep them looking good!

Some students will not be happy with the way their uniform fits. This is not a prom dress or an everyday outfit from Old Navy. This is a formal uniform to make us look united on stage. If the uniform is too big, remember that most of the students are still growing and they may tighten the fit with the tie back. The girls need room to breath so I do not want the dress to be tight.

Students will need to have their uniforms hemmed and ready for wear by the Fall Concert.

In order to keep the uniforms looking their best, please read over the care and hemming instructions. Wear black flats with the dresses. Please do not allow your student to wear backless or high heel shoes. Heels are very unsafe on the risers and they are not comfortable for standing.

Care instructions:

- Please hang the uniforms up as soon as you get them home.
- The dresses are machine washable and tumble dry.
- Tuxedos are dry clean only. The tux shirt is machine wash tumble dry.
- Iron on a low setting. (The dryer should get most of the wrinkles out of the dress.) Guys: Keep your tux hung up so it doesn't wrinkle!
- Dresses and pants need hemming.
 - Guys – regular pant hem. Be sure to try your pants on with the black dress shoes you will wear for proper hem measurement.
 - The dress will hang to the floor with the hem touching the top of the shoe. Hems should be 2 inches from the floor. **These are floor length dresses.** Please do not cut off too much of the hem. Leave enough length for growth so the hem may be let out in the future. Future choir students will be wearing these dresses so we need to be able to adjust the hems.

Do not do the following to avoid hemming:

- Do not staple or pin the hem in place.
- Please do not use regular household tape on the hem.
- No stitch witchery or permanent bonding hems. All hems must be removable without damaging the dress.
- I have seen many interesting solutions to hemming choir dresses. None of these solutions will keep the hem in place. Students can trip and fall, not to mention rip the dress, without a proper hem.
- If a uniform is damaged due to improper care then just like a text book you will be paying for a replacement uniform.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at dhendrix@libertyhill.txed.net