

NEC Orchestra Department Concert Dress Guideline

Philharmonia and Symphony Orchestra

It is our intention to have the orchestras be as uniform as possible in our concert attire while maintaining a professional overall aesthetic and having each musician feel comfortable in/with their clothing choices.

Students assigned to Philharmonia and Symphony may choose from the following options:

Top – **Long sleeve black** dress shirt or blouse which could be a button down shirt, sweater, turtleneck, mock turtleneck. (No t-shirts or sloppy attire. Nothing low cut or see-through. Also, NO JACKETS, NO TIES!)

Bottom – **Long black** dress slacks, skirt, or dress. (No tux pants or gym attire)

Hosiery – Black socks or appropriate hosiery to your choice from above. (You may wear red socks if the Red Sox are currently in the World Series at the time of the concert. Sorry Chicago fans, NO WHITE SOCKS – EVER.)

Shoes – Black close toed dress shoes. (No sneakers, running shoes etc.)

Chamber Orchestra

Top – Colorful **long sleeve** dress shirt or blouse. (NO TIES, NO JACKETS, nothing low cut or see-through.)

Bottom – Black dress slacks, long or tea length dress or skirt.

Hosiery/Shoes – As above.

A note about perfumes

Please refrain from using heavily scented perfumes, colognes, soaps, shampoo etc. Many people are sensitive to scents and this causes them medical/physical problems. This is for rehearsals and concerts.

Rehearsal attire

You should dress so you are comfortable at rehearsals. Please refrain from wearing hats unless of a religious nature. Red Sox hats are not religious – close, but not quite. Don't even begin to negotiate wearing a Yankee hat.

If you have any questions about this policy, please be in touch with Margie Apfelbaum, Director of Large Ensemble Administration.