Ordering Concert Attire
2025-26 Children's Choruses

Members of The Cleveland Orchestra Children's Choruses will wear uniform concert attire for all performances. Basic uniform pieces are the same for all members; this means that students who graduate from the Prep Chorus to the Children's Chorus can continue wearing the same uniform purchased in previous years if pieces still fit properly.

Required Uniform Garments:

- **ALL CHORISTERS:** Lay Down Collar Unisex Dress Shirt ($16.00)
- Tuxedo Comfort Fit Trousers ($24.00) **OR** Full Skirt ($29.00)
    - Families must ensure that trousers and skirts are hemmed to the required guidelines mentioned below

Whether your child is new to our choruses or just hit a growth spurt, many of you will need to purchase new concert attire for your chorister. **Each family is responsible for purchasing concert attire for their own chorus members.** The exception to this would be families applying for financial assistance with uniform costs, in which case parents should be sure to submit the Financial Assistance Application while completing registration materials for the season.

If your child is **RETURNING** to our programs, please take some time in the coming week to have your child **try on** all pieces of their concert uniform and confirm whether everything still fits properly.

Ordering Deadline – No Later than Tuesday, October 14th

- Garments may take **up to 2 weeks** to be shipped and delivered, so it is crucial that choristers order their garments **as early as possible** to ensure timely arrival.
- Also, skirts and trousers will need to be **hemmed after you receive the garments**. Families are responsible for ensuring that these items are hemmed to the required lengths.
    - Skirts should be hemmed 11 inches from the ground when wearing dress shoes. Trousers should not drag on the floor.
- Examine your garments as soon as they arrive. The company has a **30-day** return policy, so please do not wait too long if you do need to return and replace an item.

Measuring Your Child & Hemming Requirements

Taking Measurements

1. Go to: www.formalfashionsinc.com
2. Click the ***Videos*** link in the navigation bar at the top of the page.
3. Scroll down to the video titled, ***How to Measure***. This video will provide detailed instructions for taking the correct measurements.

Sizing Chart

1. Once you have your measurements, compare them to the size charts available for each garment.
2. Note that these are **not the same** as department store sizes; you **cannot** go by the size you typically wear.
3. Select the **largest size needed** to accommodate all measurements.
4. If you have questions or concerns about selecting the correct size, call 1-800-528-7909 to speak with a customer service representative.

Ordering Online

LAY DOWN COLLAR UNISEX DRESS SHIRT - STYLE 2109BK

Direct Link: https://formalfashionsinc.com/formalwear/shirts/style-2109bk-black-dress-shirt.html

1. Use the size chart, and select the size that accommodates ALL of your child's measurements

FULL SKIRT – STYLE 502FAA-E

Direct Link: https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/style-502faa-e-full-skirt-floor-length.html

1. Use the size chart and select the size that accommodates ALL of your child's measurements.
2. This skirt will need to be **cut and hemmed** to the appropriate **11 inches from the ground** with dress shoes.

ADJUSTABLE DOUBLE PLEATED TUXEDO TROUSERS – STYLE 6502

Direct Link: https://formalfashionsinc.com/style-6502-adjustable-waist-with-buckle-tuxedo-pant-with-double-pleated-front.html

1. Use the size chart and select the size that accommodates ALL of your child's measurements.
2. These pants will arrive **unhemmed and** will need to be hemmed to the standard dress pant length. In general, socks should not be seen when standing. Trousers should also not drag on the floor.

Additional Uniform Pieces

Families are responsible for securing the following items:

- Opaque black tights/nylons for choristers wearing skirts.
    - Note: we should not see feet! Leggings or footless tights are not appropriate for concert attire.
- Black dress socks for choristers wearing trousers.
- Plain black dress shoes. All dress shoes should have little to no heel. Shoes should be understated **with no jewels, glitter, or other distracting embellishments**. Appropriate examples of shoes include the following:

Children's Chorus members will be fitted for a blazer and Preparatory Chorus members will be fitted for a vest. These items will be worn for a majority of performances. Blazers and vests are property of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus Office and **must be returned** at the end of the season. Fittings will take place in the early fall beginning at the first rehearsal, with additional details to come via email.

Do You Have Questions?

Please contact Angel Tyler, Children's Choruses Manager at atyler@clevelandorchestra.com