

Youth Chorus and Women's Youth Chorus Concert Attire Information 2017-2018
Returning Singers: PLEASE TRY ON YOUR CONCERT ATTIRE NOW!

Do not wait until the Concert Attire Check

See guidelines for hems and dress length and fit below – you **MUST** look professional!

Concert Attire for Boys: Please see back.

Concert Attire for Girls:

CCGD Youth Chorus/Women's Youth Chorus Dress (Used, if available, \$40.00; New \$80.00)

Black Panty Hose or knee-highs (must come to knee, not ankle; no black socks)

Black Leather Ballet Slippers

Hair must be clean and secured away from the face, using only black or discreet clips if necessary.

Small stud earrings and small watch are appropriate; NO bracelets or necklaces or perfume.

NO facial piercing or tongue studs.

To Purchase a CCGD Dress:

Saturday, July 8 10:00-12:00 A-L **First United Methodist Church, 1928 Ross Avenue**
(There will be signs directing you to the proper room.)

Saturday, July 22 10:00-12:00 M-Z (Times arranged by first letter of last name.)
(Bring quarters for street parking.)

These are the dress fitting days for all women in the Women's Youth and Youth Chorus. **WYC and YC have a concert on October 1st so you need to order your dress at one of these fittings.** After these fittings, new dresses will cost \$95. If you miss these dates, the fitting will have to be in the Chorus office during office hours, and your dress may not be received in time for the October concert.

After you try on a dress, we will place orders for new dresses and they will arrive in about four weeks. Payment of \$80 (cash or check made out to CCGD) is required with your order. Used dresses, if available, are \$40 and may be purchased at this time.

If you want to bring your used dress, be sure to pin a self-addressed envelope to it. **We do not give credit at the time of the fitting.** If and when the dress sells, you will be mailed the \$40.

To Purchase Black Leather Ballet Slippers:

Check with a dancewear retailer in your neighborhood to purchase these shoes. (Bedroom shoes or black flats that resemble ballet slippers are not acceptable.)



Black leather ballet slippers

HEMS:

New dresses arrive unhemmed, so allow for time to hem it yourself, or have it done professionally.

- Dresses are to be hemmed **one inch from the floor**, in ballet shoes – see drawing on back.
- Leave some hem turned under for letting out, but turn under no more than three inches.
- Remember that girls grow! A July hem may not work for a September performance. Saving as much hem as possible (up to three inches) extends the life of the dress for your chorister.

- CCGD requires concert dresses to be worn *loosely* for the comfort of the singer and to allow for growth through the year. “Appropriate fit” is one of the criteria for compliance with concert attire standards, and non-compliance can be brought to the attention of the director by a parent volunteer at any time during the year. A dress that is too tight not only restricts the breathing and movement of the singer, but can attract inappropriate attention during a performance.



Please dry clean or wash and press your outfit before each major performance. If you are singing several times in a short period of time, please make sure to hang up your outfit and press if needed.

If you have used girl’s concert attire you’d like to sell or donate:

- 1 Please bring or send it to CCGD, 325 N. Saint Paul St., Suite 2020, Dallas TX 75201 sometime before July 8th. Garments must **have been cleaned** and be on hangers.
- 2 To each item, safety pin an index card with *chorus member’s name, parent’s name, address, phone number, & size.*
- 3 Include a self-addressed envelope to receive payment by mail, or
- 4 **CCGD gratefully accepts donations of used concert attire!** Just write “donation” on the index card.

Concert Attire for Boys

White pointed “wing tip” collar tuxedo shirt, tuxedo pants and jacket

(The hem of the pants should be just resting on the top of the shoe with a small break in the front and should fall just above the heel in the back.)

Black bow tie and black cummerbund

Black dress shoes (no athletic shoes and no cowboy boots)

Black socks

Hair must be clean and secured away from the face, using only black or discreet clips if necessary.

Only a watch is appropriate; NO bracelets or necklaces.

NO facial piercing or tongue studs.

Boys may wear their school choir tuxedo, or borrow one from a friend, but it must be black. For those wishing to purchase a tux, we’ve found that it works much better for the boys to go a local tuxedo retailer and place their orders individually. If you go to an Al’s Formal Wear, they have our information and you will receive a slight discount. Total cost is around \$120 for the tuxedo.

Please dry clean or wash and press your outfit before each major performance. If you are singing several times in a short period of time, please make sure to hang up your outfit and press if needed.

We do not accept used concert attire from boys, but we would love to have used black bow ties and cummerbunds if you would like to donate them.