

Carroll Dragon Band Concert Dress Policy

2021-2022

You will be taking home this school-owned dress, and therefore, will be responsible for its care and cleaning.

- **Cleaning Instructions:**

- This dress should be washed after being worn two or three times, or as needed.
- Machine wash cold, in gentle cycle.
- Hang to air dry.
- No bleach.
- Steam only or light warm iron with pressing cloth.

- **Dry Cleaning:** *The Band Booster will provide the initial cleaning before the student takes the concert wear home and the last cleaning when it is returned after the Spring Concert.*

Duncan's in Southlake cleans our marching uniforms and will extend a special cleaning price of \$5.00 per dress. They are located at 100 W. Southlake Blvd., in the Tom Thumb shopping area. You must stipulate upon delivery, that the dress is from the Carroll Dragon Band to receive this rate. Please note that unlike the uniforms, this is not part of your yearly fees and you will need to pay for this yourself.

- **Hemming:** All dresses come in a standard length. We will try to make sure your dress is the correct length, but if you need to get it altered, **you will be responsible for arranging a floor-length hem for your dress.** **You may not cut** the material without written consent from a director. No dress should be permanently altered, as it is school-owned property. It is imperative that you arrange the hemming of your dress as soon as possible. Most tailors will require a week to complete this task.

- **FYI:** Floor-length dresses are aptly named. The traditional definition for the style states that the dress should just graze the floor. This implies that your shoes should not be visible when you are standing still. The length should be the same all around the dress. You need to know which shoes you plan to wear on the day, and bring them to the fitting. By wearing a slightly taller shoe, you may be able to eliminate some depth of the hem. It is most important for you to feel comfortable in your shoe choice and have enough clearance between the hem and the floor to prevent tripping on the length of the dress.

Most of the local tailors are familiar with the style and length considerations for the dress. The prices for hemming are in the range from \$18.00 to \$25.00, based on complexity and the individual business. There are many options for alterations. Again, **do not cut the dress.**

- **Returning:** At the conclusion of the Spring concert/school year, you will return your dress to be inventoried for the next year.

We look forward to an amazing concert season!

If you have any questions please contact: Rebecca Paredes: paredes4810@gmail.com

Duncan Cleaner's phone number: 817-310-0511