

2019-2020 Concert Information

CONCERT BAND / SYMPHONIC BAND / WIND ENSEMBLE JAZZ BAND I / ORCHESTRA / ADVANCED ORCHESTRA / SMALL ENSEMBLES

The progress and development of the ensembles relies heavily on teamwork. If students continuously miss rehearsals, or do not practice, the opportunities for new and challenging music is minimized and rehearsals will become repetitive for those who do put in the effort. Students need to do their part for the ensemble by making an effort to consistently attend and be on time to rehearsals. All students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Public performances provide a positive opportunity for the students' hard work to be shown.

If a student needs to be absent from a concert or rehearsal then a written explanation from a parent or guardian is expected to fully explain the absence (using the absence form located at www.arapahoeband.com). If a student is absent, a make-up assignment will be given.

- Performing at school concerts is required – performances account for approx. 30% of your final grade.
- All band and orchestra students are required to stay for the entire concert in support of their peers and will help clean up at the conclusion of the concert. Attendance will be taken just prior to dismissal via photograph.
- Students who lose their performance opportunity because of a discipline problem may lose concert credit. This is typically if a student is suspended from school at the time of a performance.
- If a student is going to be absent from a performance, the student must provide **WRITTEN** notification to Mr. Funk **at least two weeks in advance of the absence**. Mr. Funk will then review the absence request and give the student an alternate assignment to complete and have a chance to earn back the missed points.

Excused absences (except emergencies) from all performances and rehearsals should be cleared as far in advance as possible (at least two weeks in advance). The Director alone shall determine what constitutes an acceptable excuse. In general, this is limited to severe circumstances.

Important Dates

PLEASE SEE THE MAIN CALENDAR FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION (TIMES, ETC.) – <http://www.arapahoeband.com/main-calendar>
ADDITIONAL EVENTS MAY BE ADDED OR CHANGED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR – PLEASE CHECK BACK FREQUENTLY
ALL DATES ARE ALREADY ON THE MAIN CALENDAR. ALL EVENTS AT ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Concert Band / Symphonic Band / Wind Ensemble	Orchestra	Jazz Band
11/13 – Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal 11/14 – Fall Band / Orchestra Concert 2/10 – Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 2/11 – Winter Band / Orchestra Concert 4/24 – Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal 4/25 – Spring Band / Orchestra Concert 5/20 – Graduation Dress Rehearsal 5/23 – Graduation @ Univ. of Denver	11/4 – District Orch. Rehearsal (@HHS) 11/11 – District Orch. Rehearsal (@HHS) 11/13 – Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal 11/14 – Fall Band / Orchestra Concert 11/18 – District Orch. Rehearsal (@HHS) 11/19 – District Orch. 3 rd Gr. APA (@HHS) 11/19 – District Orchestra Concert (@HHS) 2/10 – Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 2/11 – Winter Band / Orchestra Concert 4/24 – Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal 4/25 – Spring Band / Orchestra Concert 5/20 – Graduation Dress Rehearsal 5/23 – Graduation @ Univ. of Denver	11/13 – Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal 11/14 – Fall Band / Orchestra Concert 12/6-12/7 – Jazz Festival @ Legend HS 2/05 – Jazz Showcase @ Goddard MS 2/10 – Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 2/11 – Winter Band / Orchestra Concert 4/24 – Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal 4/25 – Spring Band / Orchestra Concert 5/18 – Senior Awards Convocation
<i>Concert Band / Symphonic Band / Wind Ensemble / Orchestra will also participate in CHSAA and/or CBA Concert Band Festivals in March/April 2020 (dates TBD)</i>		<i>Jazz Band may also participate in UNC Jazz Fest in April 2020 (dates TBD)</i>



EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE CONCERT BLACK STYLES

Concert Dress Code

How an ensemble dresses for concerts is extremely important. A group who comes onto the stage well-dressed shows respect for their audience, reflects personal pride, and gives off an aura of “something special is going to happen.”

Every student in band and orchestra at Arapahoe High School is expected to follow a set of guidelines for dressing appropriately at band concerts. “Concert Blacks” are formal, classy, and elegant. Students are free to choose the components of their concert blacks within the following guidelines:

Men

- *BLACK dress pants*
- *BLACK dress shirt (long sleeves)*
- *BLACK jackets (optional)*
- *BLACK tie*
- *BLACK dress socks*
- *BLACK dress shoes*
- *Jewelry/Watches – keep it modest*

Women

- *Long BLACK dresses [or]*
- *BLACK dress pants*
- *BLACK skirt (knee length or longer when sitting)*
- *BLACK dress blouse with sleeves*
- *BLACK dress shoes (closed toe)*
- *Jewelry/Watches – keep it modest*

Concert Black is NOT...

- *Jeans (yes, even black jeans)*
- *Sweats*
- *Yoga pants / leggings*
- *Mini-skirts*
- *Shorts*
- *T-shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps*
- *Flip-flops, Crocs, runners or black runners with colored stripes or logos*
- *White socks, colored socks, no socks (bare legs or feet)*

NAVY BLUE AND DARK GREY ARE NOT BLACK – PLEASE WEAR BLACK!

Why such a strict dress code?

- Our **MUSIC** is the focus of our concerts, not the personal fashion choices of any individual.
- What we achieve as an ensemble, we achieve **TOGETHER**. Our uniform is an expression of that sentiment.
- As musicians, our entire energy in rehearsal and performance is spent in the world of sound. However, the visual world always takes precedence in the human brain. We need to dress and act in a way that puts the audience's focus on our **MUSIC**.

Please contact me immediately if you are concerned about finding appropriate clothing for concerts or if what you have will work. We will use our resources to try and help provide you with some options.

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