

Pope Band Concert Attire

The Pope Band offers 3 options for student concert attire:

- Tuxedo Rental
- A Concert Dress
- (New this Year!) Concert dress slacks and stylish top/blouse

See the pages in this document for further information on each of these options!

Note, for the 2023-2024 school year the first Concert for the bands is Monday, November 6th, 2023.

Over the next month we will have parent volunteers helping to size our students for these options. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4FACAD2AA57-volunteers1>

Note, as an exception to these offerings, due to the nature of their movement around to various instruments in concerts, **students in the percussion section may choose:**

For Pants:

- Rent the tux pants only (\$25 for Concert Band Only Students, \$0 for Marching Band Students or Friday Night Student Band)
- Or use dress black slacks they already have or that they purchase (they MUST be dress black - no Chinos or black Khakis)

For Tops:

- Use a black button up dress shirt or a black blouse they already have
- Or purchase a black button up dress shirt or the Helena top from the concert dress slacks and top option mentioned above

To purchase the Helena Top from Option 3 to wear with dress black pants you already have or that you purchase, contact Danna Clary prior to Sept. 15, 2023.

Pope Band Tuxedo Rentals

Note: The first concert for Pope Band's Concert bands is **Monday, Nov. 6, 2023.**

The Pope High School band program provides for the rental of a black tux (pants and jacket) for students who request a tuxedo. All students who rent a tuxedo will be responsible for providing their own shirt, shoes and socks to wear with their tux. If you wish to wear a personally owned tuxedo, you must email Danna Clary at dndclary@gmail.com.

Hemming your Tuxedo pants:

The length of your student's pants must be sized properly for their height by hemming (sewing) prior to the first concert. You may do this yourself or take it to a tailor / seamstress. Do not cut the pants and do not use adhesive backed hemming tape. The hem must be able to be removed prior to return.

DO NOT CUT THE PANTS!

No matter how much fabric has to be turned up, the pants cannot be cut.



DO NOT USE IRON-ON HEM TAPE!



For those without sewing skills, adhesive backed tape can be very tempting. You may think, "no one will ever know." When you 'remove' the tape and dry-clean the pants, a residue remains. It will ruin the pants. Do not use sticky backed tape.



LET'S BREAK IT DOWN THE PERFECT HEM CAN MAKE OR "BREAK" YOUR LOOK.

 <p>TOO SHORT Are your socks making an appearance when you are standing up?</p>	 <p>TOO LONG Do you see fabric bunching up at your ankles & covering your shoe laces?</p>	 <p>JUST RIGHT Clean straight hem when standing.</p>
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What you need to wear with the Tuxedo

You will need to purchase:

- Black, long sleeve, button down shirt (black buttons preferred).
- Black dress shoes with black laces. No boots, no black tennis shoes, no high heels or platforms, no opened toe sandals
- Completely black socks. This is not the time for creative expression

Fee Schedule

Tuxedo Rental for Concert Band Only Students	\$50
Tuxedo Rental for students participating in Marching Band or Friday Night Student Band	\$0
Lost / damaged tuxedo coat	\$60
Lost /damaged tuxedo pants	\$30
Failure to remove pant hem	\$10
Dry cleaning the pants prior to removing the hem	\$10
Returned without dry cleaning receipt and/or plastic covering (Tip: consider securely taping your receipt to the bag)	\$20
Failure to return without student's name clearly visible (Tip: parent's name on the receipt does NOT count)	\$10

How to return the Tuxedo

Tuxedos must be returned by **April 12, 2024**. Even if your student will continue in band the following year, **all tuxedos must be returned** and recorded for the following season.

Prior to returning the tuxedo, please follow these steps:

1. Remove the hem - Return pants unhemmed and ready for the next person to use them
2. Professionally dry clean the tuxedo - Jacket and pants must be returned in the dry cleaner's plastic bag **with the receipt attached**
3. Clearly label the tux with your **student's** name – make sure it is legible and easy to see. Painter's tape on the plastic bag using a sharpie marker for the name is wonderful

If you forget the hem and remove **after** you dry-clean the pants...we will know! You will be charged the \$10 fee.



Pope Band Concert Dresses

Note: The first concert for Pope Band's Concert bands is **Monday, Nov. 6, 2023**.

Any student who has requested a concert gown will be measured for their formal, black concert gown. Each gown is purchased by the student and will be used throughout their time in the Pope Band.

The charge for concert gowns is \$75. We must receive the payment before your student can receive their gown.

If you are not sure if you have paid for your student's gown, you can check your band account in Charms. If you are a returning student and will use a previously purchased gown, please email Danna Clary at dndclary@gmail.com.

Hemming your Dress



The length of your student's concert gown must be sized properly for their height by hemming (sewing) prior to the first concert. You may do this yourself or take it to a tailor / seamstress. The hem must be right above the toe of the shoe.

What you need to wear with the Concert dress

- Solid black, closed toe flat dress shoes. No boots, no black tennis shoes, no high heels or platforms, no opened toe sandals or sequins



- If jewelry is worn it should be simple including stud earrings and if a necklace is worn, it should be something simple - a small pendant or string of pearls.

Pope Band Slacks & Blouse

Note: The first concert for Pope Band's Concert bands is **Monday, Nov. 6, 2023.**

We are happy to offer students a third formal dress option this year. The top is identical to our concert dress style, but sold as a separate, along with a stylish black slacks.

The charge for the slacks and blouse option is \$75. We must receive the payment before your student can receive their concert attire.

If you are not sure if you have paid for your student's concert attire, you can check your band account in Charms.

Helena Top



Regular Rise Dress Pants



Hemming your Pants

The length of your student's concert black slack must be sized properly for their height by hemming (sewing) prior to the first concert. You may do this yourself or take it to a tailor / seamstress. The hem must be right above the toe of the shoe.

What you need to wear with the Helena Top and Slacks

- Solid black, closed toe flat dress shoes. No boots, no black tennis shoes, no high heels or platforms, no opened toe sandals or sequins



- If jewelry is worn it should be simple including stud earrings and if a necklace is worn, it should be something simple - a small pendant or string of pearls.

Note: If a student chooses to rent a whole tuxedo or just tuxedo pants from PBPA, the following agreement between the student, parent, and the PBPA must be completed.

Pope Band Tuxedo Agreement

Student First Name	Last Name	email address	Cell Phone
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Are you a Senior? Yes No

Parent First Name	Last Name	email address	Cell Phone
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Parent, initial beside each statement indicating your understanding of the lease terms:

..... I will not cut the tuxedo pants

..... I will not use adhesive backed tape to hem the tuxedo pants

..... Prior to returning the tuxedo, I will follow these steps:

- Remove the hem
- Professionally dry clean tux
- Return in the dry cleaner's plastic bag **with the receipt attached**
- Clearly label the tux with your **student's** name