

## Symphonic Band Concert Attire Alteration Instructions

**Please have your child try on his/her uniform. If there is a problem, return it in the original packaging *immediately!***

Please use these instructions for altering your child's uniform to insure we get the same look for everyone. Students **MUST WEAR THEIR DRESS SHOES** while marking the hem!

**EVERYONE:** Please **leave some extra fabric** in the hem in the event your child grows taller, and the hem needs to be let out.

**For Boys:** The pants should be hemmed so that the back of the pant leg comes to the middle of the heel of the dress shoe and the front of the pants leg should have a break (the fabric will sit on the front of the shoe causing it to bunch a little). This break will keep the pants from being too short when the student sits down. **DO NOT PUT A CUFF IN THE HEM.** If using a sewing machine, please use **ONLY** a blind hem stitch (**no** top stitching); otherwise, a blind hem stitch or basting stitch can be used.

**FOR GIRLS:** While wearing the proper dress shoes and standing on a smooth floor, fold up the hem so that the hem touches the top of the student's foot. Make sure that you do this on a smooth, solid surface floor (standing on carpet while trying to mark the hem will cause the results to be uneven). If using a sewing machine, please use **ONLY** a blind hem stitch (**no** top stitching); otherwise, a blind hem stitch or basting stitch can be used.