

# *National Percussion Festival*

## *Dress Code*

As always, whenever the percussion ensemble travels representing the Mt. Lebanon School District and our community, we strive to present the best possible impression. Part of that impression is made by the dress of the students. We have always approached our travel opportunities as “business trips.” As such, we ask that the students wear appropriate clothing. In addition, *Music for All* (the sponsoring organization for the *National Percussion Festival*), stipulates certain types of dress for different events. They wish to create a “professional musical experience” for the students that are performing since each of the ensembles in attendance is one of the premier groups in the nation. With these goals in mind, please read through the following dress guidelines as you plan your packing for our upcoming trip.

There are 4 different “levels” of dress that will be needed:

### **1. Performance dress: (Friday morning and afternoon)**

Men: For men who are **ONLY** performing in the Brazilian Ensemble:  
Black pants, black socks, black shoes **and their Brazilian Ens. T-shirt.**

For men who are performing in both the Brazilian Ensemble, and Concert Ensemble: Tuxedo, black socks, black dress or formal shoes.  
**Don't forget to also bring your Brazilian Ensemble T-shirt.**

Women: For women who are **ONLY** performing in the Brazilian Ensemble:  
Same as the men described above.

For women who are performing in both Brazilian & Concert Ens:  
Formal black dress or black dress pants and black dress top,  
black dress shoes (if playing in Brazilian, you might want a 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of black shoes that you can dance in).

### **2. Semi-Formal: (Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Banquet and Honors Band Concert)**

Men: Dress slacks (with belt), dress shirt, **tie**, non-tennis shoes, black socks.  
Jacket is preferred, **though not required.** **PLEASE DO NOT go out and buy a jacket just for this. OR a dress suit and tie, non-tennis shoes and dress socks.**

Women: Dress - **OR** - Dress slacks and dress top – **OR** - Pants suit  
Dress shoes

**3. Business Casual: (Thurs. 4:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.) (Sat. 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

Men: Dress slacks (with belt), dress shirt, dress socks (not white please), nice shoes (any non-tennis shoe). Students may bring along tennis shoes to wear on the bus ride itself for comfort, however, they must have **immediate** access to the “nice shoes” as we arrive in Indianapolis since we will be headed directly to the Opening Ceremonies. In other words, their “nice shoes” can’t be in their luggage beneath the bus.

Women: Dress slacks/skirt and dress blouse/shirt/sweater.  
Same rules for shoes applies to the women as described above for men.

**4. Casual: (Thurs. 7:30 p.m. – curfew) (Fri. evening) (Sat. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) (Sun. all day)**

Men & Women: Comfortable clothing.

This would include, but not be limited to:

Jeans, sweat shirts, appropriate T-Shirts (No bad words - references - pictures)  
Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes)

No shorts please!

**Also, please keep in mind that the average daytime temperature for Indianapolis during our stay is 32 degrees. PLEASE BRING A JACKET OR COAT since we will be outside walking, loading and un-loading the truck, etc.**

**If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact Mr. Minnotte.**