

Character Shoe Information

Our SRHS Shark Choir girls look and perform their best when wearing a character shoe. Character shoes can last for years.... Many college and church choirs require them for performances.

Shark Choir Girls

The SRHS Choral Department will place an order with the designated vendor for those who submit the \$30 character shoe fee and shoe size by the 9/11/15 deadline. If the fee is not submitted by this date, the student will be responsible for purchasing the following character shoes from www.discountdance.com:

Theatricals Pro Adult "Stage Right" 2" Character Shoes, Style No. THP320, Color: Black.

At this printing, the shoe was priced at \$29.75 plus shipping.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SKIN-COLORED HOSE!

What is a character shoe?

Why not wear a regular dress shoe?



Regular dress shoes do not give you proper support or protection when performing. Character shoes are worn by female performers during rehearsals, auditions and performances. It's the heel that makes them stand out from a great variety of dance footwear and they are designed to help the dancer dance and carry themselves with poise on a stage. The shoe is flexible so you can feel the floor under you and articulate the dance movement; you can get movement throughout the foot and are not be held back. The smooth surface of the bottom of the shoe can also help with turns and "twists". Character shoes with 2-inch heels are extremely comfortable. The heel height causes you to place your weight on the ball of your foot, making it easier to dance and more comfortable for your back. The closed toe also helps protect your toes.

One character shoe purchase can last a lifetime if you:

Wear them indoors only!

Character shoes aren't meant for street wear. If you're rushing to a rehearsal or a performance, slip on street shoes and put a pair of character shoes in your backpack. You can change them in the chorus room/dressing room once you arrive. And make sure to take them off again after the performance. And, please, unbuckle them when taking them on and off so you don't ruin the shoe's back or break the strap!

Steer clear from water! No jumping in puddles!

Moisture can damage your character shoes by speeding up the growth of bacteria. To protect your footwear from mildew, wear hose or tights and dry the shoes properly after use. Ensure the place you store them is dry enough year round; put your shoes back in their shoe box; room temperature is ideal for storing. If your character shoes do happen to get wet, wipe them down with a soft dry cloth and leave to dry up in a well-ventilated place. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can discolor the fabric.

Take special care of them regularly!

They're not recommended to soak in water, even if it's hand washing. Removing dust and dirt from the surface is the first step to start with. You can use a wet cloth if the dirt doesn't come off effortlessly and a dry cloth to finish cleaning. Once they're spotlessly clean, polish them until they get shiny. Use plain, black polish, like Kiwi Scuff Color. Black Sharpie Markers also work great on deeper grooves and scratches, and then polish again.