



## **Step Singing and Graduation Attire Guidelines**

### Attire for Step Singing

9th and 10th Grade

For Step Singing, Freshmen and Sophomores will wear Dress Uniform.

11th Grade Attire Step Singing

For Step Singing, Juniors wear a white dress (knee-length or longer) or white skirt (knee-length or longer) and white blouse, as is the long established tradition. Students must also wear shoes or sandals, which are white or neutral in color and sensible for walking on Souby Lawn. No strapless dresses, unless covered by a white sweater, no rompers, and no plunging necklines. Any student who is hesitant about these guidelines due to personal reasons may speak with one of our counselors, the Upper School Dean of Students, or the Upper School Director so that accommodations may be considered.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade Attire for Step Singing

For Step Singing, Seniors wear a white dress (knee-length or longer) or white skirt (knee-length or longer) and white blouse, as is the long established tradition. Students must also wear shoes or sandals, which are white or neutral in color and sensible for walking on Souby Lawn. No strapless dresses, unless covered by a white sweater, no rompers, and no plunging necklines. Any student who is hesitant about these guidelines due to personal reasons may speak with one of our counselors, the Upper School Dean of Students, or the Upper School Director so that accommodations may be considered.

### Attire for Graduation

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

For Graduation, Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will wear Dress Uniform.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade Attire for Graduation

For Graduation, Seniors wear a white dress (ankle or floor length), as is the long established tradition. Students must also wear shoes or sandals, which are white or neutral in color and sensible for walking on Souby Lawn.

Dresses should be in keeping with the decorum of Graduation and provide appropriate coverage. Graduation is an academic ceremony, and the attire should be tasteful and not revealing. The event traditionally takes place outside, and dresses should reflect the garden party atmosphere. Evening wear is not appropriate. Please avoid plunging necklines, backless dresses, side slits, and cut-outs. Strapless dresses may be worn with a white sweater. In the event a dress does not provide appropriate coverage, students will be given a white sweater to wear for the ceremony.

The Seniors carry roses provided by Harpeth Hall. The emphasis is on the graduates and the ceremony, not the dresses. Dresses should be simple and, hopefully, not a major expense. Any student who is hesitant about these guidelines due to personal reasons may speak with one of our counselors, the Upper School Dean of Students, or the Upper School Director so that accommodations may be considered.