

TINORA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS

CHORAL PERFORMANCE HANDBOOK

2023 - 2024

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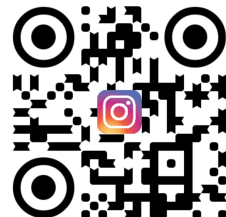
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I: Choir Rules and Regulations

CHOIR ROOM:

- FOOD AND DRINKS (other than water) ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE CHOIR ROOM. Chewing gum is not permitted during rehearsal, and must be disposed of in the trash can. Do not bring food from lunch into the choir room, unless given permission from the director.
- Because of the delicacy and value of electronic and school owned instruments stored in the choir room, it is necessary to adopt an “if it’s not yours don’t touch it” policy. That includes the iPad, stereo, piano, Clevertouch, microphones, sound equipment and keyboards. Please don’t rearrange the chairs except for class use and put them back when finished.
- There are some areas of the choir room that are “off limits.” The director’s office may be entered by invitation only. The phone is not for student use and should not be answered at any time. The choir library and practice rooms should only be entered if requested by the director.
- Students may come to the choir room for extra practice or help during **free** periods, and only if given permission from the director (not from other teachers, friends, neighbors, pets, etc).
- All school and district policies are in effect in the choir room - obviously.

ROBES AND STOLES:

- Robes are to be kept in the best condition possible. They are only worn at the most 5 times each year (if we’re lucky), and should look brand new. Each robe that is used is dry cleaned periodically.
- Robes should be kept on hangars at all times. Please keep them looking good. Robes thrown rakishly in the closet or not on a hanger will affect the students’ concert grade.
- You will be assigned a robe at the beginning of the year. The robe is from that time on **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**. You must check the robe out before and check the robe back in after concerts and contest, as well as keep it clean while it is in your possession. The President and Treasurer will check out robes before a concert, and will check in robes after a concert. Students will be charged full price for destroyed robes, as well as full price for lost stoles.
- **There will be a \$10.00 fee assessed to each choir student to help defray the cost of robe cleaning and upkeep.** This fee will be collected at the beginning of the year by the Treasurer. Checks should be made out to “Tinora Fine Arts Boosters”.
- For trips, every student will have a robe buddy to share a garment bag with. However, *you* are ultimately responsible for your own robe at all times, so make sure it’s with you and taken care of.

CHOIR MUSIC AND FOLDERS:

- Care of the choral music and folders is always a concern and you don’t need to be told how expensive it is.
- **Make rehearsal marks in your music in pencil only** and all marks are to be carefully erased before handing it in.
- Music that is defaced, lost or torn beyond repair will be replaced by those responsible. Every student will have their own number for music and folder. The folder number and music number may not be the same. It is your responsibility to turn in the correct number of music at the end of the year. Do not take someone else’s music if you can’t find yours.
- Folders should be returned to their proper folder slot after each rehearsal, or carefully taken home for individual practice. Shoving folders in lockers and book bags will hurt the folders. Students who leave their folders and music lying around will lose daily participation points.

SICK BAY:

- Students who are too ill to participate in choir rehearsal should probably not be in school in the first place. That being said, if a student does not feel they are well enough to participate in rehearsal they may be excused to sick bay. **Students will be allowed in sick bay only once per semester.** This will be monitored by the secretary, and all additional days will result in 0 points for that rehearsal.
- While in sick bay, students will write a full-page, detailed observation of the rehearsal, which will serve as their rehearsal points for that day. Simply writing what songs were rehearsed and that “they sounded good” will not be accepted. Quality of the observation will determine the student’s rehearsal points for that day. Minor illnesses, such as sore throats and fatigue, are not grounds for going to sick bay, and students are expected to stand with their sections and participate to the best of their ability.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP:

- Students are expected to represent themselves, their peers, their school, and their choir community with dignity, pride and respect in all online interactions. Never say anything online that you wouldn't or shouldn't say to someone in person. Remember that all online interactions, no matter how private you intend them to be, can very easily become public.
- Students who engage in inappropriate social media activities concerning the choir program will receive disciplinary action at the discretion of the director and school administration. Such discipline may include loss of choir privileges, loss of leadership position, detention(s), and in extreme cases, removal from the choir.

In all matters concerning the choir, the director, in cooperation with school administration, has the final word.

II: Choir Officers & Section Leaders

It is the goal of the director to establish a tradition and standard of leadership within the choirs with the officers and section leaders. Each of the voice sections within each choir will have a section leader chosen by the director from submitted applications. Section leaders will be responsible for overseeing the morale and work ethic of their section. In addition, the section leaders will meet with the director and officers to discuss choir concerns and plan events and concerts. The persons selected for these positions must be willing to put forth the effort demanded by this position. Occasionally time will be needed outside of class. All officers must be either juniors or seniors. First year choir students will not be able to serve as section leader. A list of officer duties is available upon request.

III: Grading Policy

- The standard high school grading scale will be used.
- Choir is a participation and performance oriented class, and successful performances are a direct result of good rehearsal techniques. Your individual effort during class to establish proper singing habits are important to everyone - in other words, we are a team! You are graded on effort, improvement and attendance during class and events. The majority of grade points are earned through participation, namely singing and listening.
- Those who don't participate in rehearsal positively (i.e., by not maintaining good posture, not singing or listening, or talking excessively) will definitely have a negative effect on our performance. Students who participate poorly or selfishly disrupt the learning of others in any way will lose participation points.
- Attendance is necessary. You will be given 5 participation points for every day of class. You will lose 1 point for every excused absence and 5 points for every unexcused absence. If you are tardy (or in any way not ready for class when I am) you will lose 2 points. You can lose 1 to 3 points per day for any misbehavior or infraction of classroom rules.

IV: Concert Policies

Uniform concert attire is required for all performances. Choirs who look their best will sing their best and will be aesthetically pleasing to the audience's eye. Students who come inappropriately dressed will not be permitted to perform and therefore will lose performance points. Traditional dress code is as follows:

MEN:

- White dress shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Black dress pants (long only, obviously)
- A nice tie (long or bow, not obnoxious or noise-making)
- Black dress shoes & socks

WOMEN:

- White blouse (long or short sleeved)
- Black slacks
- Black dress shoes (closed-toed)
- Flesh colored Pantyhose

JEANS, LEGGINGS, T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, SANDALS, BOOTS, TENNIS SHOES OR ANY ITEMS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE CONCERT DRESS.

Concert/Contest Attendance:

- Concert attendance is a mandatory grade requirement and students are responsible for resolving all conflicts with scheduled performances. Concerts and contests are considered test or exam grades, but, unlike academic tests, cannot be made up. Failure to attend any concert/contest will result in a loss of all points for that event. In the event of illness or other pre-arranged absence, partial points may be made up at the director's discretion. A second unexcused absence will result in a failing grade for the grading period and possible removal from the choir. Dates of concerts are made public well enough in advance to take work off for that evening, so **WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSE**.
- Performances are school related functions and therefore all rules of conduct as stated by the Board of Education and School apply. Tardiness to extra rehearsals and performances will result in a loss of performance or participation points. When school transportation is provided to performances, all students must use that transportation unless arrangements are made beforehand (in writing) with the director. The parent must then transport the student personally. No student will be permitted to drive when school transportation is provided.
- When another group is performing, it is expected that students will observe proper concert etiquette. Talking at your seat and getting up and leaving are not what you want someone to do to you when you are performing, so be courteous to them. Cell phones are strictly forbidden at concerts, even when not performing.
- If a student is extremely ill and absent from school, **it is the parent's responsibility to notify the director that the student will be missing the concert BEFOREHAND**. In the event of an emergency where contacting the director is not possible beforehand, notify the director as soon as possible afterwards.
- Quite often the choir program needs chaperones at district/state contest to watch rooms and other such needs. When the director is not around, parents are in control, and should be respected and listened to. Any disrespect to parent chaperones will result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, loss of points, detention, and expulsion from the group.
- Athletic events are an important part of school life and every effort is made to schedule performances around athletic activities. Most of our members are involved in several sports throughout the year and have no trouble working out schedule conflicts when they occur. **If there is a conflict please let the director know as soon as possible so that alternatives can be worked out between the director and the coach.**

V: Sensations

The Tinora High School Sensations is a pop a cappella group dedicated to the highest level of musical performance. This ensemble requires exceptional musicianship, drive, attitude and scholarship from each individual. Sensations frequently perform both during the school day and outside the school day, requiring the student to have a firm grasp on the material of their academic classes. A large amount of literature is sung by the end of the year, and requires members to commit to learning the music outside of rehearsals. Auditions for the current year will be held at the end of the previous school year. Students will be told in advance how to prepare for auditions, however, more than just the auditions will be considered, including, but not limited to, attitude, group dynamic, and maturity. Auditions will be handled by Choir Director, Assistant Choir Director, and any other music professionals invited by said directors. The director's decision is final, and will be upheld by Tinora High School administration.

VI: Photos for School Website & Social Media

We will periodically post photos and/or videos of rehearsals and performances on the school website and social media channels. These photo permissions are collected by the district at the beginning of the year through the FinalForms system. It is hoped that permission will be withheld only in situations of legal necessity.

VIII: Choir Events Schedule 2023 - 2024

Date(s)	Time	Event	Location
Monday, August 14, 2023	6:00 PM	Fine Arts Booster Meeting	THS Band Room
Monday, September 11, 2023	6:00 PM	Fine Arts Booster Meeting	THS Band Room
Monday, September 18, 2023		Choir Fundraiser Kickoff (MS & HS)	THS Choir Room
Monday, October 9, 2023	6:00 PM	Fine Arts Booster Meeting	THS Band Room
Thursday, October 19, 2023	7:00 PM	Fall Choir Concert (HS)	Tinora Performing Arts Center
Monday, November 13, 2023	6:00 PM	Fine Arts Booster Meeting	THS Band Room
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	7:00 PM	7/8 Holiday Concert (Band & Choir)	Tinora Performing Arts Center
Thursday, December 14, 2023	7:00 PM	HS Holiday Arts Festival (Band & Choir)	Tinora Performing Arts Center
Monday, January 8, 2024	6:00 PM	Fine Arts Booster Meeting	THS Band Room
Sunday, January 14, 2024		OMEA D1 Honors Festival (Choir & Band)	Stranahan Theatre, Toledo
Saturday, January 20, 2024		HS Solo & Ensemble	Defiance High School
Monday, February 12, 2024	6:00 PM	Fine Arts Booster Meeting	THS Band Room
Saturday, February 17, 2024	6:30 PM	Love of the Arts Night	Tinora Performing Arts Center
Monday, March 11, 2024	6:30 PM	Jewell Grain Banquet (HS)	TES Cafeteria
Monday, March 11, 2024	6:00 PM	Fine Arts Booster Meeting	THS Band Room
March 14-17, 2024		Musical	Tinora Performing Arts Center
March 15 or 16, 2024		HS OMEA District Contest	Sylvania Northview HS
March 15 or 16, 2024		MS OMEA District Contest	Sylvania Northview HS
Saturday, April 6, 2024		MS Solo & Ensemble	Defiance High School
Monday, April 8, 2024	6:00 PM	Fine Arts Booster Meeting	THS Band Room
Thursday, April 18, 2024	6:00 PM	5th & 6th Grade Music Concert	Tinora Performing Arts Center
Friday, April 26, 2024		HS OMEA State Contest (Choir & Band)	
Monday, May 13, 2024	7:00 PM	Spring Choir Concert (Grades 7-12)	Tinora Performing Arts Center
Thursday, May 16, 2024	5:30 PM	Choir Awards Banquet (HS)	THS Cafeteria

Items marked in bold are required events. Absence from these events will result in a lowered grade.

You can also add the choir calendar on Google! Just snap the QR code or type in the link below.



<http://bit.ly/TinoraChoirCalendar>

Tinora High School Choirs Contract

2023-2024

I have read the choir handbook and calendar. I agree to abide by these requirements and guidelines for the 2023-2024 school year, and have checked the required dates/events against our family calendar.

Student Name (please print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

I have read the choir handbook and calendar. I understand that my child has agreed to abide by these requirements and guidelines for the 2023-2024 school year, and have checked all required dates/events against our family calendar.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

{ **(Parents check here)** YES! I am interested in being involved in the choir program by helping with events, concerts, fundraisers, trips, etc. Please contact me if my help is needed.

Parent/Family Phone #: _____

Parent/Family Email: _____



Please complete and return this form by Friday, September 1, 2023.