

TINORA MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIRS

CHORAL PERFORMANCE HANDBOOK

2023 - 2024

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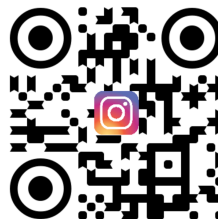
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I: Choir Rules and Regulations

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.

CHOIR MUSIC AND FOLDERS:

- Care of the choral music 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. It is your responsibility to turn in the correct numbers 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.

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: Grading Policy

- The standard middle 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. The breakdown of the grading policy is as follows:
 - o Class Participation (Attendance, behavior, attitude, leadership, energy, focus, etc.)
 - o Homework & Independent Practice (Homework, listening assignments, practice logs, singing tests, etc.)
 - o Performances (Concerts, community appearances, small gigs, etc.)

III: 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.

Concert Dress Code

Our concert dress code consists of formal or semi-formal attire that is either black, white or gray in any combination. Shirts should be collared and tucked in, and should not include any visible logos or writing. Shoes should be dressy and clean. Leggings may be worn but must be covered by a dress or skirt.

JEANS, LEGGINGS, SPANDEX, T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, SANDALS, BOOTS, TENNIS SHOES OR ANY ATHLETIC APPAREL 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.
- Performances are school related functions and therefore all rules of conduct as stated by the Board of Education and School apply. Tardiness to performances will result in a loss of performance and/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.
- 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.**

IV: 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 Middle 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 help is needed.

Parent/Family Phone #: _____

Parent/Family Email: _____



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