

# CHOIR CODE OF CONDUCT

- Any organization is judged, in the eyes of others, by the actions of its individual members. Whenever you dress in a choir uniform or wear other choir identification (letter jacket, choir shirt, etc.), your actions reflect on the entire choir. ALWAYS conduct yourself in such ways that bring only CREDIT to yourself and your choir. ALWAYS conduct yourself with pride.
- **Selected Performances** – If, as a member of the Tompkins Choir, you have earned a position in an honor group (Region Choir, All-State Choir, etc.), all Tompkins Choir rules, regulations and guidelines will apply to that function.
- **Classroom Conduct** – Self-discipline is critical to the success of the OTHS Choir Department. Choir students are expected to follow these guidelines:
  - Be on time. Warm-up begins as soon as the bell rings
  - Students are expected to be in their designated spot on the risers when the bell rings. If they are not, the director may choose to count them tardy.
  - Follow instructions the first time
  - No use of vocal inhibitors such as food, gum, or candy during rehearsal
  - Use appropriate language and demonstrate good manners at all times
  - (No cursing, fighting, inappropriate gestures)
  - Disrespect to the director or adults will not be tolerated
  - Come prepared to class with all appropriate materials (music, pencil, etc.)
- **Electronic Media** – Any member of this organization representing themselves, or the group, in an unfavorable, questionable or illegal manner through electric media (i.e. websites, personal home pages, blogs, Facebook, text messages, chat rooms or similar websites/files accessible through a server or internet) or using telecommunication devices in such a way as to bring discredit, dishonor, or disgrace on their organization or members of any other school organization including themselves (i.e. camera phones, digital photos, electronic descriptions) will be subject to the disciplinary actions determined by appropriate school officials and/or the directors, including probation or dismissal from the organization.
- **Telecommunication Devices**- Cell phones and other devices are to be on silent/vibrate mode and placed in your backpack or the designated area upon entering the classroom. The usage of all devices is prohibited during class time unless approved or requested by the teacher. If a student is using their device without proper permission the student will be asked to put the device away in their backpack or designated area and a discipline referral may also be issued. Phones should never be used during a concert by performers or audience members.