

## ALL-STATE CHOIRS IN OKLAHOMA MUSIC: GENERAL INFORMATION

The two organizations concerned with Choral Music in Oklahoma are the Oklahoma Music Educators Association and the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association. Most Choral Directors are member of both organizations, and both organizations share the work of advancing our profession in the state.

Until 2010, OCDA organized and presented the All-State High School Women's Chorus. Responsibility for the 2011 Women's Chorus passed to the Choral Division of OMEA, and the women sang on the OMEA All-State Concert for the first time. Most experienced conductors must still pause to think, "which group goes where?"

**Oklahoma Choral Directors Association** organizes and administers the following All-State organizations: Junior High Mixed Chorus, Junior High Treble Chorus, All-Collegiate Chorus, and Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

The **Oklahoma Music Educators Association Choral Division** organizes and administers the High School Mixed Chorus and the High School Women's Chorus.

Auditions are generally separate, but directors should carefully read instructions for each choir to determine the method and deadlines for applications, and dates and locations of auditions. Ask a fellow teacher for help, if you are new to the state.

Each choir has a separate Chair. This person will be identified in the associations' web site directories. The Chair is the best person to contact for information.

OCDA: [www.oklacda.org](http://www.oklacda.org)

OMEA: [www.okmea.org](http://www.okmea.org)

OCDA FESTIVALS AND ACTIVITIES ARE SANCTIONED BY THE OKLAHOMA SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION, and bound by their regulations for school, student, and sponsor eligibility. Their general rules are listed below. OCDA members are hereby notified that these rules apply without exception.

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### OSSAA Sanctioning of Non-Athletic Events

By asking the OSSAA to sanction your event, we are verifying we will adhere to all OSSAA rules and regulations, including a student's being academically eligible to represent their school, that their age is within the limits of our rules, and that no

home-schooled students are allowed to participate. Only students who have been entered by their OSSAA member schools are allowed to participate (Not private studios). Also, due to our insurance requirements, a school representative must travel to and from the location with the students.