Online Student Safety Practices

At WFT@BU we are committed to empowering and protecting our students by providing safe and supportive spaces for theatre education experiences.

- All online classes will be password protected and recorded.
- Students will need to wait in the “waiting room” until admitted by the teacher.
- The virtual classroom will not be open until at least 2 students are in the waiting room.
- We suggest students under 13 years old have a parent/guardian present in the household while participating in class.
- When utilizing breakout groups, teachers will adhere to the “rule of 3” so that no adult should ever be alone with a student in a virtual breakout space.
- Chat will be used for educational purposes only and responses will be closely moderated.

Family Participation Policy
Siblings enrolled in the same class, may use the same device or separate devices to participate in class. While most classes are designed for independent participation, Virtual WFT@BU classes for preK-K allow for family participation to support student engagement. Everyone in the screen view needs to be actively participating so as to not distract others. Siblings may participate but all students in the class age-range must be enrolled to participate. All participants must adhere to the code of conduct.

Technology
Students are required to provide their own device to access online classes. Tech support will be available to assist as needed. WFT@BU will host (optional) Zoom orientation sessions prior to the first class to assist in tech questions and demonstrate Zoom features.

Medical Emergency Policy
In the event of a medical emergency while your student is participating in Virtual WFT@BU classes, a WFT education staff member will call the household to ensure a parent/guardian is aware of the situation. If we are unable to reach an adult member of the household, 911 will be called and directed to your household. All expenses incurred are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.