

ZOOM BEST PRACTICES & SAFETY



WHAT YOU NEED TO JOIN OUR ZOOM MEETINGS:

- A quiet, public room with space to move around (not a bedroom or bathroom please).
- A device that is stationary such as a desktop, laptop, or tablet on a flat surface. Your device should have a webcam and microphone. (Mobile phones are discouraged due to small screen size.)
- Zoom Videoconferencing App – For the best experience we recommend you download the Zoom client. It is free and easy to set up - Go to zoom.us/download. Please have this setup and tested prior to class time. If you prefer to work from a web browser, you must use Google Chrome.
- A strong internet signal
- Secure Zoom link will be provided through our Parent Portal once you are registered.

TIPS TO HAVE THE BEST ONLINE LESSON EXPERIENCE:

- Create a learning space that is quiet, and distraction-free.
- Please have a chair and some empty space for movement.
- Make sure your device is plugged into an outlet as Zoom tends to drain the battery quickly.
- For younger students: Have an adult or older sibling nearby to help with any technical details.
- Prior to class, adjust your webcam so that you are visible and turn your speakers to a reasonable volume. Headphones are discouraged due to the necessary drama movements required.
- At the scheduled meeting time, click on the Zoom link provided in Parent Portal.
- When logging into the Zoom call you will need to select "Join with Computer Audio."

ONLINE CLASS SECURITY FEATURES:

Drama Kids of Rochester is dedicated to student safety and keeping online class interactions fun and fear-free. In order to secure our classes on Zoom, these measures will be used:

- Zoom meeting link will not be made public and will be provided only to students in the class through the Parent Portal.
- Password Protection – This will prevent outsiders from accessing the meeting.
- Waiting Room – All students will connect first to a Zoom meeting waiting room. Your instructor will let each student into the meeting one at a time.
- Screen Sharing Disabled - Students will not be able to share their screen.
- Using Computer Audio – This enables parents to hear what is happening during class if they wish.