

Dear Parents,

As your child’s teacher, I have been asked to inform you of a new policy approved by the WMTA Executive Board. This affects your child’s participation in all WMTA events and requires your in-room attendance for all WMTA events (including auditions).

Please read below.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

Sincerely,

{Teacher}

**New Policy:**

Approved by the Executive Board on June 13, 2025:

* WMTA requires that a parent or guardian be present (in the room) for any audition performance.
* Custodial care throughout the day remains fully with the parent, the guardian, or someone the legal guardian designates as a responsible adult (a chaperone, or someone who is 18 years or older, and not participating in the event).
* Compliance with this policy is mandatory under all conditions, at all sites.
* Participating WMTA teachers are required to inform parents of this new procedure.

Because this new policy places the full responsibility for custodial care on the parents, and they

or their proxy are in the room, the need for Criminal Background Checks for all participating -

teachers, judges, volunteers - is eliminated.

If a site continues to require a Criminal Background Check, even with a parent/guardian present,

WMTA will financially support this need for this year.

{Date}