

Ordway Education Self-Video Guide: GreenRoom

Important Note: Record in the following order: Singing (without music), Speaking, Dancing/Movement (with or without music). Record horizontally(landscape mode). Make sure when recording the dancing/movement to include your whole body in the frame. Speak clearly and have a clear, uncluttered background. Minimize background noise and distractions.

Make a plan

- Keep your clips short and to the point to keep within the specified time allotment per the application. Write out what you want to say and practice.
- Record a practice take, then review and determine what you'd like to change. How to record video using your cell phone
- Don't stand directly in front of a window (don't have a window as a backdrop). If possible, stand opposite a window so the natural light is lighting your face and the shot (as long as it doesn't cause you to squint). Recording in front of a wall or door as the backdrop is suggested. Give yourself some space between you and the wall.
- Once you have found your recording space, the phone or other device should be placed so it is recording horizontally (landscape mode) and frame. Try and center yourself in the frame.
- Place your device on a flat surface or ask someone else to record the video for you. This reduces video shakiness often seen in selfie videos where the subject is also holding the camera.
- Avoid recording in a location with lots of ambient/background noise. If it is windy, recording outside can be challenging as the camera's microphone will pick up the wind as well.
- If you can - go into your camera settings and change the recording format to H.264 or JPEG.
 - For Apple products (iPhone, iPad, etc.): Open Settings, click on Camera, click Formats, click Most Compatible.
 - If you are using an older device that cannot capture HEIF or HEVC format (devices older than iPhone 7) then you can disregard this step.
 - Because of the differences between Android devices, it is best to look up your specific device's video format options.

On-camera tips

- Once the camera starts recording, wait a few seconds before you speak.
- Be generous with your expressions – use that face! The camera does not capture all the subtle expressions that you see in real life so be expressive. Remember to smile!
- When you are finished, smile and pause for a moment before you stop recording.
- If you mess up, that's ok! You can stop the recording and try again or take a 5-second pause and restart your thought.

THANK YOU!