



Infinite Flow Kids Guidelines
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Basics:

Infinite Flow is a professional dance company composed of dancers with and without disabilities using dance to inspire inclusion and innovation. Infinite Flow not only about breaking the stigma of disability, it also demonstrates the infinite possibilities. Infinite Flow is a nonprofit 501(c)3 and based in Los Angeles, and was founded by Marisa Hamamoto, a dancer and stroke survivor. Since 2015, Infinite Flow has performed 100+ times from school assemblies to corporate events at Apple, Red Bull, Porsche, and others. Infinite Flow has been featured on NBC Today, ABC Good Morning America, and their videos have been viewed by 70 million people on Facebook alone. With a 3-pronged approach of changing perceptions through performance, building a global community passionate about inclusion, and educating leaders to bring inclusivity and accessibility to their own practice, Infinite Flow is focussed on creating systemic change and creating an inclusive accessible world where each person can thrive.

Infinite Flow Kids was founded as a new program in late 2015 as an inclusive kids dance company where kids with and without disabilities dance and grow together, cultivating young leaders and dancers, and shaping a new generation where inclusion is the new reality.

Dance styles currently learned are ballroom and hip hop. Members of Infinite Flow Kids also engage in leadership activities, such as public speaking and emceeing, and they are also given the opportunity to propose their own Infinite Flow projects, which have included fundraisers and choreographing their own dance.

For Kids Ages 7 and up. (Younger kids admitted if maturity and ambition is displayed)
 All Kids must try out to be in the group.

Skills Screened:

- Ability to take direction
- Ability to include and cooperate with fellow classmates of varying abilities & backgrounds
- Desire to be in the class

We welcome kids of all abilities, this means children with disabilities and not. Should a student need an aid or “dance buddy” to participate in class, please discuss with us. Given that the student wants to be in class, we are hear to listen and make it work.

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Please understand that we are learning as we go as well, so please do not expect that we have the answers to every single circumstance.

This is not just a dance class, but a performing arts company, community, and family. Some kids will be chosen for special performance and media opportunities as well as take on leadership roles. We are committed to building a positive and creative environment about inclusion in which each child and each dancer reach new heights as artists and social citizens. We cater equally to both kids with and without disabilities. That is what inclusion is about :)

We welcome kids of all abilities. The one thing we ask is that each child does his best and note that all instructors will push each child to do their best. If this is not something you want for your child, our group may not be a great fit for you.

Kids who are part of other dance studios, dance teams, agencies, etc are welcomed to continue their training and activities with them. We don't consider any of this to be a conflict of interest ;) However, we do ask for your consistent commitment and communication.

Time Commitment

Infinite Flow Kids meets every Friday, 7:30-9:00pm unless announced otherwise. For kids chosen for special projects or media opportunities, extra rehearsal here and there may take place: time and place is discussed with those involved.

Infinite Flow Kids is a kids performing arts company and a team. Just as sports teams require all players to attend practices, we require the kids to attend class on a weekly basis. We understand that at times there may be special school and family function that may take your child out of class, and we understand that there are families who split their time in the year in multiple regions. Please keep in close communication and let us know if you know you will be missing class, or if your child becomes ill, etc. There will be a Team Mother who will also be in communication with you as well. PLEASE REPLY WITHIN 12 HOURS TO ANY COMMUNICATION FROM TEAM MOTHER REGARDING ATTENDANCE.

Drop-ins are only allowed on special circumstances, such as a fan family from out of town visiting LA for a short period of time. We only welcome try out classes to those who are able to and are interested in being part of Infinite Flow Kids on a regular basis. We do not allow for kids to try out the class as a one time experience. All kids trying out must make an appointment.

Special Projects & Media

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The uniqueness of Infinite Flow and my efforts to open doors of opportunities leads Infinite Flow Kids to oftentimes participate in special projects and media, at both a local and national level. Please understand that for these projects, the kids that are the best fit for the respective roles chosen by the Artistic Director will participate, should it be a project that does not involve the entire group. Know that it is Marisa & Artistic Staff's desire to include as many kids as possible, and know that she does her best to seek and create opportunities for each child to shine and grow.

Courtesy & Respect

Infinite Flow members will be held to the highest standards of conduct. Communicating negatively about anyone in or outside our studio will not be tolerated. Infinite Flow Kids members are expected to show courtesy and respect to all instructors, staff, guests, parents, and other members. Anyone who exhibits repeated negative or disrespectful behavior may be asked to leave the group. Let's always be respectful, supportive, encouraging and are positive in spirit, attitude and behavior. At the same time, should you or your child experience or observe any misbehavior, please do report it. And should you have any discomfort with any staff member, please report it either to Marisa or the Team Mother.

Assessment

We take a holistic approach in assessing kids progress and growth, largely in 3 categories

- 1) Dance & Performance Skills
- 2) Leadership & Responsibility
- 3) Passion & Contribution

We welcome kids of all abilities. These categories are general guidelines. For some kids some of these evaluation categories may not apply. The one thing we ask is that each child does his best and note that all instructors will push each child to do their best. If this is not something you want for your child, our group may not be a great fit for you.

Dress Code

Unless specified, please wear the Infinite Flow T-Shirt to class. T-shirts can be purchased for \$20

Closed toe sneakers or dance shoes. No hats, unless its part of costume.
(If \$20 is out of your budget, please discuss with Marisa.)



Scholarship & Tax-Deductible Donation

All kids are on scholarship, so there is no tuition or team dues. But should you like to contribute to our cause along the way, your tax-deductible donation is much appreciated. There are expenses involved to keep Infinite Flow Kids and the rest of the organization going, so we will periodically hold fundraisers and ask for your help in raising funds, and if you would like to lead a fundraiser we are all ears to hear your ideas.

If you are interested in contributing your professional experiences and skills to help grow the organization, we would love to hear from you as well. Also, every 2 months there will be a new parent volunteer assigned as Team Parent to help with communication. If you are a parent who cannot take on this role, we ask that you propose a different way to contribute to the group or organization.

Giving Back

Though Infinite Flow is a nonprofit itself, we like to think of Infinite Flow as a company that gives back as well. With this in mind, Infinite Flow Kids will periodically participate in charitable activities, teaching the kids the power of giving back. Some activities may include, helping build wheelchairs for disadvantaged kids with disabilities in third world countries, performing at children's hospitals, etc.

Project & Fundraising Proposals

If you or your child have any creative or fundraising ideas they would like to bring to life, our doors are open to hear your ideas, and encourage you to be innovative, take leadership, and contribute to our growth.

Social Media

Infinite Flow's videos (both media & from Infinite Flow's page) have circulated over 70 Million+ views across Facebook alone. Due to the nature of our content going viral and to protect our Intellectual Property, we have a few guidelines we ask for you to follow for your social media:

- We ask that you use common sense and pick wisely the best footage that shows inclusion and positivity (over the video being just following your child) and make it a requirement to tag us:
 - o Instagram: @InfiniteFlowDance #InfiniteFlowDance #InfiniteFlowKids
 - o Facebook: @InfiniteFlowDance Infinite Flow – An Inclusive Dance Company
 - o Twitter: @InfiniteFlowOrg

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- Note that we may ask you to take down photos and video if it is not in the best interest of the organization.
- We ask that you refrain from using the words such as “disabled” “special needs” and “adaptive”. Each person is different, and we translate moves into our own unique bodies is how we like think of what we do.

Communication

Should you or your child have any questions or concerns, please give us a call or email. Our doors are open for communication at all times, and it is important for us to hear your voice and thoughts.

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