



Guardian/Student Handbook

2022-2023



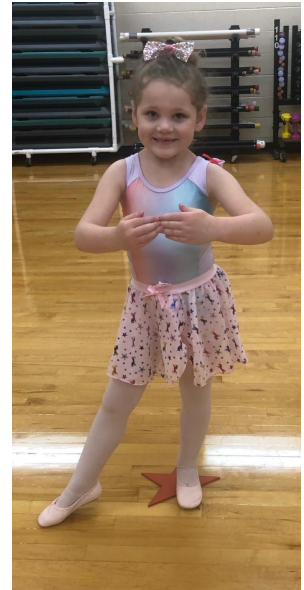
Our Philosophy

Innovation Arts Connection, LLC partners with local park districts and community centers to provide progressive, community-based dance programs with a studio feel. We provide dance instruction to students of all ages, levels, and abilities. Our unique curriculum focuses on core techniques and concepts needed to build a strong artist, and stresses the importance of positive attitude, diversity, leadership and hard work. Our educators have an extensive background in dance and education. Our curriculum is consistent at each location, but our schedule and events are designed to serve each individual community.

In our classes, students will develop grace, rhythm, coordination, creativity, and confidence. Innovation Arts Connection provides a fun, safe, inclusive and structured environment and is designed to equip each student with the proper attitude and experience to excel in their

future endeavors in the arts, school, and life. We focus on meeting the needs of the communities we serve by structuring our programs to honor family values, philanthropy and acceptance. In our community, all are welcome! We work to make sure all of our dancers and their families feel like they are part of a second home.

We look forward to seeing you in class!



Studio Rules

1. Respect your teacher. Respect your peers. Respect yourself.
2. Be on time & ready for class.
3. Bring water to class. No gum or food.
4. Wear appropriate attire to class...Dress like a dancer!
5. Stay in the studio at all times.
6. Clean up after yourself and keep the studio clean.
7. Cell phones off and out of sight at all times!
8. HAVE FUN!!!



Guardian Information

Dancer Intake Form & Participation Waivers: Please complete the Dancer Intake Form before your first class. Make sure to view the Participation Waiver at the bottom of the form before signing. You can access both forms here:
www.innovationartsconnection.com/intake-form

Attendance: Please make your best effort to arrive 10 minutes early to all dance classes. Arriving late is disruptive to the class and doesn't allow dancers to properly warm-up. Dancer missed classes cannot be made up and are non-refundable. Please do your best to attend every class. Consistency is important at any level.

Bathrooms: Please remind your child to use the bathroom before class begins. Dancers under 6 years old will be excused to their guardian to go to the bathroom. It is the guardian's responsibility to take their child to the bathroom. Dancers 7+ will be excused to the bathroom on their own.

Dismissal: In order to ensure the safety of all dancers, teachers will be following strict dismissal guidelines. Dancers under 9 years old will be dismissed at the dance studio door only when their parent or guardian is present in the lobby. They will not be allowed to walk to the parking lot on their own. Please let your teacher know if someone other than yourself is picking up your child. Dancers 9+ will be dismissed as a class and allowed to leave the building on their own. Teachers will not leave the building until all dancers have been picked up. Please be on time to pick up your child.

Illness/Injuries: If your child is sick, we ask that you keep them home from dance as to not spread germs to other dancers. If they have tested positive for Covid-19 we ask that dancer to wait to attend class in person until 5 days after diagnosis and are fever free for 48 hours. Additionally, we highly encourage dancers who have been exposed to Covid-19 wear a mask to class* If your child is injured we encourage them to get a doctor's note with directions for modifications during dance. If the dancer is unable to physically participate in dance class, we encourage them to observe class if possible.

*This is per the Illinois Department of Public Health and our park district's guidelines. This policy is constantly changing so please check back for updates in case of exposure or diagnosis. Please also visit your park district's website for specific Covid-19 guidelines.

Masks: Masks are now optional during class and in park district facilities at all park districts. We encourage dancers and family members who feel safer doing so to still wear masks to class.

Make-Up Classes: In the event of a class cancellation you will be notified by email or phone as early as possible. Every effort will be made to make-up classes canceled due to instructor cancellation. In the event of a class shut down due to Covid-19 or inclement weather, classes will be held virtually via Zoom at their regularly scheduled times. All Zoom

links for canceled classes will be emailed to the guardian on file the day of the canceled class. We cannot refund or offer make-up classes to dancers who miss their class.

Dress Code: Hair must be secured off the face. No jewelry, jeans, street shoes or clothing with inappropriate language or pictures are allowed in any class. All dancers are expected to wear a leotard with tights or comfortable form-fitted athletic clothing.

Ballet - skin toned ballet shoes

Tap - black tap shoes

Hip-Hop - black hip hop Sneakers or black jazz shoes

Jazz - black jazz shoes

Musical Theatre - black jazz shoes

Discover Dance Classes - Any dance outfit that is comfortable for movement without causing distraction or harm to the child. Ballet shoes or bare feet. NO SOCKS! Guardians please wear comfortable clothing as well. No street shoes please.

*Shoes & apparel can be purchased on the IAC [Nimbly](#) or the IAC Dance Shoe Resale. All gently used shoes and apparel from our collection are \$5. Email Ms. Lora with resale shoe requests: lora@innovationartsconnection.com

Family Observation Weeks: Families will be expected to stay in the lobby during class, except for Discover Dance with Me classes. Families will be invited into class during the last 15-20 minutes of Family Observation Week. Feel free to take pictures and videos during these classes. See your Welcome Email for specific dates. Note: due to Covid-19 policies only 2 family members will be allowed to attend in person. If policies change and non-dancers are not allowed in the classroom, this portion of class will be recorded and posted to your park district's Band App. Please see our website for Band App links.

Production Fees (WINTER/SPRING PARK STUDIO CLASSES ONLY): In order to participate in the Spring Dance production, Production Fees must be received on time. Payment Plans are available. There are no added Production Fees for the Fall Park Studio classes.

Dress Rehearsals & Performances (WINTER/SPRING PARK STUDIO CLASSES ONLY): All dancers in the Park Studio Track are expected to attend all Dress Rehearsals and Performances. You will receive a Performance Packet with more information in February when the events are closer. The spring production will be sometime in May or June, specific date TBA.

Email Correspondence: Important program information is communicated via email. Make sure to subscribe to our mailing list for updates. You will receive specific class updates from our business email: innovationartsconnection@gmail.com. We recommend adding this email to your contacts so you don't miss any important info. If you are not receiving emails from IAC please contact us. You can also find information about IAC programs on Instagram and Facebook @innovationartsconnection or on our website www.innovationartsconnection.com.



Important Dates:

Fall Begins: 9/19

Family Observation/Halloween Week: 10/24-10/28

Bring a Friend Week: 11/14-11/18

Thanksgiving Break No Class: 11/21-11/25

In-Class Holiday Showcase/Family Observation: 12/12-12/16

Winter Break No Class: 12/19-1/8

2023 Winter/Spring Classes Begin: 1/9

Family Observation: 3/13-3/17

Spring Break: 3/20-4/2

Family Observation: 5/22-5/26

Makeup Week: 5/29-6/2

Spring Production: TBA



For more information on IAC please visit www.innovationartsconnection.com or contact:
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For more information on your participating park district please visit:

Medinah Park District:

www.medinahparkdistrict.org

Park District of La Grange:

www.pdlg.org

West Chicago Park District:

www.we-goparks.org

Bloomington Park District:

www.bloomingtonparks.org

Clarendon Hills Park District:

www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

Village of Hinsdale:

<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

Burr Ridge Park District:

www.brparks.org

Westmont Park District:

www.westmontparks.org



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