

DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Administrative

CHILDREN ON CAMPUS

POLICY 2.3.9

This policy applies to all who come to campus, including visitors, College employees and registered students. The College strives to provide a comfortable learning environment for adults pursuing higher and/or continuing education; therefore, it is typically not appropriate for young children to participate in learning opportunities provided by the College such as workshops, orientation, classroom instruction, labs etc. However, the College does recognize that in certain circumstances children will accompany other students, visitors, and/or employees to the campus or a College event.

For the purposes of this policy, the terms "child" or "children" mean any youth under the age of 18 not enrolled in a college course, whether or not such youth is the offspring of the person whom he or she accompanies.

For the purpose of safety and to avoid disruptive behavior, children accompanying students, visitors, or employees of the College must constantly be supervised by a responsible adult while on College property or while attending an off-campus class or other event. Children and any other persons not registered for a class are not allowed in laboratories or classrooms at any time or at any campus or off-campus site unless authorized by an instructor or staff member. The individual who makes the decision to bring a child to the campus or a College sponsored event should be aware and respectful of the quiet educational and work setting and should adhere to the following:

- 1.** Children shall not be left unattended in any area of the College. College employees may not assume supervisory responsibility of unattended children.
- 2.** The College assumes no responsibility or liability for children, nor for any accidents or injuries incurred by children, in any unsupervised situation not approved by the College administration.
- 3.** Employees are expected to provide for the care of their children away from the work site. In emergency situations, if it is necessary for the employee to bring a child to the workplace during working hours, the employee's supervisor must approve extenuating circumstances.
- 4.** Children accompanying employees, students, or visitors are not permitted in classrooms, labs, or shops while instruction is being delivered, without the expressed permission of the instructor. College syllabi will include notice of this policy.

5. Persons wishing to patronize College services to the public (cosmetology, esthetics, etc.) may be refused service if accompanied by a child who will be unattended during the time the patron is receiving services. College staff will not be expected to provide supervision of patrons' children.
6. If a child is found to be disruptive while the student/responsible adult is attending a class, workshop, orientation, or other College event, the student/responsible adult may be asked to step out of the event with the child.
7. If a child is found or identified as "unattended", Campus Security should be notified. A Campus Security officer will locate the parent (or the adult responsible for the child), and inform him/her of the College's rule regarding unattended children. The parent/responsible adult will be asked to assume direct supervision of the child(ren) at that time.

A violation of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action.

Legal Citation:

Adopted: