



# Minors on Campus Policy

To preserve the academic atmosphere of the college and maintain a professional workplace environment, in order to not disrupt the teaching/learning activities associated with the college, and for the safety of all involved, children under the age of 16 (“children”) are not permitted on college property unless: (a) accompanied and supervised at all times by an adult; or (b) properly enrolled in an SMC sponsored or sanctioned class or program, including dual enrollment, Career Academies, Early Middle College, summer camps or workshops expressly approved for educational purposes.

The presence of children on college property will be further subject to the following rules and guidelines:

## **Classrooms and Other Learning Centers**

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Students are discouraged from bringing minor children in their charge to campus while they are attending to their studies. The presence of children in classrooms, laboratories, testing centers, and other locations dedicated to instructional-related activities (“learning-related activities”) is restricted to a purpose related to the learning-related activities and then only when under the supervision of an enrolled student and when approved in advance by the instructor or supervisor of the learning-related activities.

## **Other Locations**

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Subject to the “supervision of children” requirement above, visitation by children on college property that is unrelated to the learning-related activities such as administrative or faculty offices or common areas is allowed subject to the following:

- The duration of any such visit should be limited to one (1) hour on any given day, with the exception of college-sponsored public events such as Steve’s Run, Renaissance Fair, athletic contests or arts performances.
- Subject to the prior approval of an employee’s supervisor, a longer duration of visit on any given day by the legally-dependent child of an employee may be allowed due to a temporary unforeseen emergency arising on that day; provided, however, that during the duration of the visit a parent, guardian or other responsible adult must supervise and remain present with the child.
- Children enrolled in the Head Start program located on the Dowagiac Campus should remain within those facilities to the extent possible.

## **Children are not allowed on College property in the following situations:**

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- As an alternative to regular childcare provisions, including infant care or childcare during summers and holidays.
- Where illness or other conditions preclude attendance at childcare, school or other facilities or programs.
- Where the presence of a child may interfere with any of the operations of the college.

## **Campus Grounds and Facilities**

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Parents or legal guardians are responsible for their children's behavior and safety while on college property and will be held responsible for any damage to college property caused by their children. This policy will be administered in accordance with the Freedom of Expression Policy.