

EvCC3030: CHILDREN & MINORS ON CAMPUS POLICY

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PURPOSE

Everett Community College's Campus offers a diverse environment of classrooms, offices, laboratories, recreation and other activities that will attract children and minors to campus. The College encourages inclusion for all children and minors in a safe, supervised campus visits by children and minors and children of both students and employees for the purposes of attending educational, cultural, or sporting events, programs and camps; and in order to make decisions about their academic future.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, visitors, guests, vendors, contractors, and any other individuals approved to live, work, teach, study, and conduct activities on EvCC owned, leased, or occupied facilities and grounds or other locations where College sponsored learning activities, official business, programs and activities are conducted. These groups will be collectively referred to herein as "community members" and "members of the EvCC community". In addition, for the purposes of this policy "child(ren)" is defined as anyone under the age of 13. "Minor(s)" is defined as anyone under the age of 18. It should also be noted that enrolled students under the age of 18 are not considered minor children.

POLICY

The invitation of children and minors may be permitted with the following precautions and limitations, which are intended to protect health and safety, maintain productivity and comply with regulations.

No student or visitor to College shall leave a child unattended at the College, including in campus buildings, on campus grounds, or in a vehicle.

A child shall not be left with a non-parental/custodial employee of the College unless that child is enrolled in an authorized program of the College. The College does not supervise children or minors outside of officially sanctioned programs and neither the College nor its employees or students may accept responsibility to do so on behalf of the College.

The College retains the right to revoke visitation permission at any time.

Line of sight supervision of children by the parent or accompanying adult is required at all times.

It is the responsibility of the parent/accompanying adult to ensure that children do not disrupt the educational setting.

In order to maintain compliance with safety precautions or commitments to our community partners children and minors are prohibited in the following areas:

Science laboratories, manufacturing sites, hangar spaces, theater facilities and gym equipment areas except when part of an organized and supervised experience or event such as summer camps, school visits, etc.

Shops, mechanical rooms, power plants, garages, animal facilities, food preparation areas, or high security areas;

Any areas, indoors or out, containing power tools or machinery;

Near grounds equipment, heavy duty or other motorized equipment; and vehicles except those assigned to the employee for commuting from home to campus or as part of a recognized college program;

Any other high-risk areas including stairwells when unattended, no access to rooftops, construction zones, etc.

On occasion a student may want to bring a child to class and should only be permitted occasionally, for the convenience of the student due to a family emergency, and with the approval of the class instructor.

Children and minors may be allowed in classrooms where classes are in session provided permission is granted by the faculty member. The student should request permission from the faculty member prior to the start of class with as much advance notice as possible. If a child/minor becomes disruptive, the faculty member may require the student and child/minor to leave the classroom. The supervisor or faculty member should discuss the frequency of such occurrences with the student if they occur with frequency.

All visitors are subject to the same wellness requirements as students and employees and should not report to campus while ill.

In some circumstances the College may be bound by business agreement to prohibit children or minors in locations that are not managed by the College.

In addition to complying with the policy, college leaders, supervisors, and employees are responsible for promoting the understanding of this policy and taking appropriate steps to help ensure compliance with it.

COMPLIANCE

Violations of the policy by staff or faculty should be referred to the appropriate supervisor/dean.

Other individuals who are out of compliance may be asked to leave the campus until such time as they elect to comply with EvCC guidelines.

RELEVANT LAWS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION

[RCW 13.34.030](#)

[RCW 74.13.020](#)

[RCW 26.28.010](#)

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