

Instruction Policy: Guests and Children On-Campus

There is no inherent right to bring non-enrolled individuals (guests or children) into classes. Faculty members have full authority to deny such access to classrooms and to discourage such requests. To that end, faculty members are encouraged to include in course syllabi a statement about guests and children.

However, faculty members may use their judgment in permitting guests or children to remain in class on an emergency or one-time/limited occasion basis.

In determining the appropriateness of approving a request to permit a child or guest in class, faculty members should consider the following:

- Under no circumstances should children (non-enrolled individuals under 18) be allowed into any laboratory or other hazardous area. If a student wishes to invite an adult guest into a laboratory or other hazardous area, specific arrangements with the instructor must be made beforehand. In such cases, the instructor should pay special attention to the guest's understanding of safety precautions.
- Neither guests nor children should be brought into any class on a regular basis.
- The college environment should remain conducive to teaching and learning. Guests or children who are distracting either to the students or to the instructor should be asked to leave.
- Children should remain under the supervision of the responsible parent/guardian while on campus, whether they are in classrooms, offices, or public areas.

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