

Minor Children On Campus Policy

1. POLICY PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The primary mission of CSN is to educate students. To that end, CSN has the responsibility to provide a place of instruction that is free from distractions and conducive to learning. The presence of minor children is often a disruptive factor, not just because a child can be noisy or active, but because even inadvertently, attention is centered on the child rather than on the teaching and learning process. The presence of minor children on campus and in its facilities also raises safety and liability issues. Therefore, appropriate restrictions must be placed on bringing minor children to CSN's campus, sites, and facilities.

First and foremost, CSN and its facilities (classrooms, offices, public areas, common areas and grounds) cannot be viewed at any time as a substitute for child care arrangements. Second, at no time may minor children be unattended or unsupervised on campus for even a short period of time. Third, only currently enrolled students should be present in classrooms or lab facilities. Fourth, minor children should not be brought into work locations during an employee's work time.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Children under the age of eighteen, unless otherwise exempt as listed below, are not allowed in classrooms, labs, college grounds, or other college facilities except for visits while supervised by an adult. Employees and students must not allow minor children to be left unattended on campus. Minor children may not be left unattended in public areas such as the library or be left to wait or play outside a classroom or in the cafeteria while the adult is in class. Minor children may not attend class, or class activities such as field trips, along with enrolled students except on very rare occasions at the discretion of instructors. Minor children may not be present at the employee's work site during the employee's assigned work hours.

This Policy does not preclude short visits when the minor child is accompanied by another responsible adult.

Staff or students who observe minor children who appear to be unattended should contact the CSN Police Department. The CSN Police Department will handle the matter in accordance with appropriate city, county, and state law.

3. AUTHORITY AND CROSS REFERENCES

This authority for this Policy is based in CSN's requirement to maintain a place of learning free from inappropriate distractions, and to minimize safety and liability issues for all members of its community.

4. KNOWLEDGE OF THIS POLICY

All CSN faculty, staff, and students, should have knowledge of this policy.

5. DEFINITIONS

Minor Child/ren is any person under the age of eighteen years of age. Emancipated minors are considered adults.

Adult is any person eighteen yrs. of age and older, or an emancipated minor.

Unattended/Unsupervised refers to situations in which the minor child is on campus or in a campus facility and is not under the immediate physical control of an adult or an instructor

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

All CSN faculty, staff and students are responsible to abide by this Policy.

7. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to this Policy are activities which, by their very nature, might be attended by children. It is assumed, however, that children in these facilities are attending these activities are under the supervision of an instructor or adult, or are enrolled in a fee-based program. Examples of such activities would be athletic events, performing arts performances, day care centers, and other activities organized for minor children. This also includes minor children who are checked in by their parent or guardian at the Boys & Girls Club; the authorized area where these children can be are within the confines of the designated club area. This also includes minor children who are checked in by their parent or guardian at the CSN daycare facility.

Minors under age 18 who are enrolled in credit classes through a special or high school program are considered CSN students.

Certain campus services are open to the public or community: for example, the cafeteria, the library and the Cheyenne swimming pool. Minor children may be in and use these facilities as long as an adult or guardian is actively supervising the minor child. However, if the minor child becomes disruptive or the presence of the minor child interferes with the peaceful conduct of the activities of the campus, the adult may be asked to remove the minor child.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions about this policy should be directed to the CSN

9. HISTORY