

Children on Campus Policy - for Students

LaGuardia Community College is committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming environment for all, including children brought to the campus. The College is dedicated to providing an environment that delivers successful academic and occupational activities performed by students, faculty, and staff. We understand that our students have educational and family responsibilities, and we strive to be sensitive to their work-life balance needs.

In general, students are not permitted to bring children on campus. However, the College acknowledges that there may be unavoidable occasions where family responsibility conflicts with our students' educational commitments. For these exceptions, the College has established the following guidelines concerning children on campus.

EXCLUSIONS

These Guidelines do not apply to children visiting the campus to attend University/College-sponsored events, camps, and programs intended for children and families, community events, to use the Library, or to obtain information regarding college services. These types of visits fall under the visitor's policy.

These guidelines do not apply to children enrolled in elementary, middle, and high schools located on CUNY property; children registered in CUNY Childcare Centers, or children enrolled in CUNY College Now or other educational programs from being in authorized areas of the University with proper adult supervision.

PURPOSE

This policy is meant to ensure the safety and quality of life of all parties on campus. The intent is to minimize the risk of injury and promote a safe work and learning environment.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Students' Responsibilities:

- Upon entrance to the college, students will be asked to sign in for their children in the **Children on Campus Visitor Log**. Upon exit from the college, students must sign out for their children.
- Students need approval from their instructor before entering the classroom with their children.
- Students must ensure direct supervision during the entire time and take full responsibility for the safety and behavior of their children. Children should not be left unattended.
- Students should not expect another person to supervise their children.

- Students must escort children to and from designated areas if attending a program or event.
- Students must understand that regular visits by children are not permitted.
- Students must ensure their children behave appropriately in the classroom and on campus and not disrupt other students or community members, damage college property, or create a safety hazard.

Faculty Responsibilities:

- The Faculty member is responsible for approving or denying the request considering the overall impact on the classroom environment.
- The Faculty member is responsible for addressing disruptions in their classrooms.
- The Faculty member is responsible for ensuring their students follow the guidelines outlined in this policy while a student is attending their class. Example: If a student attending their class leaves a child in the hallway and the instructor is made aware, they must address the violation immediately.
- The Faculty member reserves the right to request that the student leave the classroom if the children become disruptive or are unsupervised at any time.

HAZARDOUS AND IDENTIFIABLE AREAS

- Children are NOT permitted in high-risk areas. This includes areas defined as hazardous or identifiable restricted areas.

(*)DEFINITIONS

Children: Minors under 18.

Student: This policy refers to the enrolled student who is the caretaker responsible for the child.

Hazardous Locations: Hazardous locations include, but are not limited to, laboratories, animal areas, workshops, carpentry shops, warehouses, commercial kitchens, laundry areas, construction areas, mechanical rooms, roofs, confined spaces, maintenance areas, and janitorial rooms.

Identifiable Restricted Areas: Identifiable area is a location currently not deemed restricted but can become dangerous due to construction or other unforeseeable activities. These areas include but are not limited to a pool and pool area, theaters, and recreation facilities.

The College reserves the right to ask a student to leave the campus if the student is not adhering to the above policy.

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