

List Serve
Policy for Unattended Children

Kankakee Community College has discovered that a small percentage of our students are having difficulty finding options for leaving their children while they attend classes. While we have child care services in place, we are only licensed for ages 2 - 7 years. We're now looking at options for the middle group of children who need to come with their parent occasionally, though we've noticed a few home schooled children coming more frequently.

Do any of you have policies for children being left unattended on campus? If so, would you mind sharing your policy?
 Has your institution designed any programming for these children? If so, is it free, or is there a related charge?
 Is there any limit of hours or other stipulations placed on this program/service?
 Do you have any age restriction?

<p>Black Hawk College</p> <p>Mr. Dick Vallandingham, Ph.D. Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students</p>	<p>From Black Hawk Student Handbook</p> <p>Children in Class Quad-Cities Campus The faculty has responsibility for control of the classroom and should take steps to ensure an orderly environment in which learning may occur unimpeded. The presence of children in the classroom does impede learning; therefore, children should only rarely be allowed to accompany students to class and then only at the discretion of the faculty member involved.</p> <p>East Campus In order to maintain the atmosphere of college-level instruction in the classroom, only the students enrolled Black Hawk College will be allowed in classrooms and laboratories while classes are in session. Children will not be allowed to accompany students to class. In the interest of safety, unless a young person under the age of 18 is a participant at a Black Hawk College-sponsored activity, he/she must be accompanied by an adult at all times while on school premises.</p> <p>Approved 4/11/97, Academic Affairs Committee Edited Spring 1997, Faculty Senates Presidents</p>
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<p>Elgin Community College</p> <p>Dr. Carol Cowles Dean Student Services and Development</p>	<p>Elgin Community College is responsible for providing a safe and positive educational environment free from potential distractions. The college facilities and grounds are inappropriate places for unattended children, and ECC is not liable for visiting children who are without adult supervision. This procedure applies to children of students, employees, and community members visiting campus. Parents of children on campus may be subject to the penalties of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/2-3, Neglected or Abused Minor).</p> <p>Parents are responsible for the care of their children on campus. Faculty set policy regarding children in classrooms. Laboratories and computer facilities have policies that do not allow children to enter. ECC staff members are responsible for enforcement of these existing procedures. In other situations that arise involving disruptive behavior by children, every attempt should be made to resolve the issue at its source. If a staff member is unsuccessful or unsure in dealing with a problem, he/she should contact his/her supervisor. If necessary, the ECC Police Department will be asked to intervene. The ECC Police Department will attempt to locate parents of unattended children before contacting the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS).</p>
<p>Illinois Central College</p> <p>Mr. Guy Goodman Dean of Student Services</p>	<p>This is the response from our VP of Administration and Finance. Again no formal policy, but Campus Safety will identify unattended children and attempt to find parents and remind parents that they cannot leave young children unattended.</p>
<p>John Wood Community College</p> <p>Mr. John Letts Vice President for Student Services</p>	<p>Ours is very similar to Elgin's.</p>

<p>Kaskaskia College</p> <p>Mr. Sedgwick L. Harris Vice President of Student Services</p>	<p>1. Do any of you have policies for children being left unattended on campus? If so, would you mind sharing your policy? There is an expectation that parents or guardians are to be accountable for their child or children. If we have a lost child we normally have them report to the security desk until a parent picks them up.</p> <p>2. Has your institution designed any programming for these children? If so, is it free, or is there a related charge? No.</p> <p>3. Is there any limit of hours or other stipulations placed on this program/service? We have a child care program with a cost for students and staff.</p> <p>4. Any age restriction? During the school year 2-5 years old and during the summer 12.</p>
<p>Lake Land College</p> <p>Ms. Tina Stovall, Ed. D. Vice President for Student Services</p>	<p>We have a board policy that indicates that parents are not permitted to take children to classes or leave them unattended on campus. We don't provide any organized activities other than what is offered to children in our Child Care Center.</p>
<p>Moraine Valley Community College</p> <p>Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone Vice President for Student Development</p>	<p>At Moraine, we have a regulation under the Code of Conduct, "...children may not accompany students to class, ...children may not be left unattended on campus grounds, whether in college buildings, extension centers or at any college event".</p>
<p>Parkland College</p> <p>Ms. Linda Moore Vice President of Student Services</p>	<p>We've also noticed a LOT of children on campus this fall. Our policy is short and sweet (see below).</p> <p>POLICY 5.04 CHILDREN in the CLASSROOM</p> <p>It is understood that the mission of the college is to provide an atmosphere that is as free as possible from outside distractions and disruptions.</p> <p>In order to maintain this environment, unaccompanied/unauthorized minor children are not allowed on the campus. To protect children from possible injury and to maintain a safe, secure learning environment, children are not permitted in classes and are not to be left unsupervised</p>

	<p>anywhere on campus, including employee work areas. Approved: January 20, 1993 Revised: December 21, 2005</p> <p>We don't have any sort of drop-in center or program. We have a child development center, but families are charged, and of course, the number of children who can be accommodated is limited, as it is in all child care centers.</p>
<p>Rend Lake College Ms. Lisa Price Dean of Student Services</p>	<p>We have a policy that states that children under 12 can't be left unattended and have not designed any programs to assist with programming for this age and issue. We also haven't seen it as a problem.....yet.</p>
<p>Rock Valley College Ms. Amy Diaz Assoc. Vice President for Student Development</p>	<p>RVC's policy states, "For the safety of children on campus, children may not accompany students to class, tutoring or testing sessions. Also, children may not be left unattended on the campus grounds, whether in college buildings, extension centers or at any college event."</p> <p>We do have some students who bring children to advising appointments and/or to take care of other college-related business, usually without incident.</p>
<p>Sauk Valley Community College Mr. Luis S. Moreno Dean of Student Services</p>	<p>Children must be attended by an adult at all times. Unattended children will be escorted to their parents or the security office.</p>
<p>South Suburban College Ms. Songie Millhouse Vice President for Student Development</p>	<p>Unsupervised Children Policy - For Your Child's Sake South Suburban College has enacted a policy restricting unsupervised children from the main campus and any classes. We believe in providing the safest environment for your child while you are taking a class, that's why South Suburban College's Child Care Center offers child care services at a very low cost. Remember: No unattended children are permitted on campus.</p> <p>Maximum Hours of Service</p>

	<p>The Child Development Center is not designed as a full-day program. Its function is to service children on a time-block basis. Parents must take their children out of child care for at least a 45 minute break after 4 1/2 hours of attendance in the program. The only exception is on the day when the parent is participating in an internship program.</p> <p>Center Hours The Center opens daily at 7:30 a.m. The Center closes promptly at 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 5 p.m. on Friday. Closed on weekends.</p> <p>Fees: The fees are as listed and are due at the time of registration: \$15 registration fee, activity fee (per child) according to the number of credit hours the parent is enrolled in (min. \$30), daily fee \$3.50 an hour per child.</p> <p>Third Party Payments The Child Development Center will accept third party payments from third party sources, i.e. Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (http://www.state.il.us/dcf/child/index.shtml), Child Care Initiative (http://www.daycareaction.org/), etc. If the reimbursement rate from the third party source does not cover the total amount of your fees and charges, you are responsible for the difference.</p>
<p>Southwestern Illinois College</p> <p>Ms. Staci Clayborne Assistant Vice President for Student Development</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do any of you have policies for children being left unattended on campus? If so, would you mind sharing your policy? We do not have Board Policy, however, state law/statue states any minor under the age of 14 years whose parents or other person responsible for the minor’s welfare leaves the minor without supervision for an unreasonable period of time without regard for the mental and physical health, safety or welfare of that minor commits negligence or abuse of a minor. Unreasonable is based on several factors. 2. Has your institution designed any programming for these children? If so, is it free, or is there a related charge? We offer services for children ages 3-12 through our Kid’s Club. The cost of services is \$4.00 per hour – CHASSI is accepted as payment. 3. Is there any limit of hours or other stipulations placed on this program/service? Per the state

	<p>of IL, children are allowed to stay on campus for a maximum of 11 hours per day and parents <u>must</u> remain on campus the entire time.</p> <p>4. Any age restriction? We are licensed to provide services for children ages 3-12.</p>
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