

DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROCEDURES

Section: STUDENT RIGHTS, APPEALS AND FERPA
 Subject: MINOR CHILDREN ON CAMPUS
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I. Institutional Regulations

- A. The Board of Directors of DMACC confers upon the staff the power to promulgate rules and invoke sanctions to protect the educational processes and the rights of individual students and staff.
- B. This is a companion procedure to DMACC Human Resources HR3323, Minor Children of Employees on Campus, adopted August 26, 2010.

II. Procedure

As an institution of higher education, Des Moines Area Community College (the College) provides educational and support services primarily to adult learners. The College is a public facility of the State of Iowa, available to the general public who may wish to use its facilities, learn about its services and programs, or attend functions of the College.

To protect the safety of young visitors, and to avoid disruptive behavior, minor children (defined as anyone under the age of 18 who is not currently enrolled as a DMACC student, employed by DMACC, or enrolled in or attending a DMACC sponsored program) must be under constant supervision of a responsible adult while on DMACC property. This means, specifically, that there must be an unobstructed line-of-sight between the minor and the adult responsible for their care. Minors taking part in organized, scheduled activities, minors who have been admitted to DMACC, dual enrolled high school students, and minors employed by DMACC may be on campus without adult supervision. In all other cases, minor children must remain under the constant supervision of a parent or adult guardian while on DMACC Property.

Minor children are not allowed into classrooms, laboratories, computer labs, studios, or clinical settings, even if supervised without the express and advance consent of the faculty member, Dean, or other administrative person responsible for that room, etc.


On the Ankeny Campus, procedures related to Trail Point include:

- a. Members ages 12 and under must be under the supervision of their parent or guardian at all times. Supervision can include supervision by Trail Point staff member while the parent is engaged in recreation activities as a Trail Point member or guest.
- b. Trail Point members, between the ages of 13 and 17, may have unsupervised access to the Trail Point facility per Trail Point policy. This does not include the Student Center or any other DMACC facility or grounds unless set forth below.
- c. Unattended minors between the ages of 13 and 17 are invited to utilize the food vendors in the adjacent Student Center Food Court but need to return to the seating area in front of the Trail Point main desk to eat once they get their food from the vendors. If the unattended minors remain in the Student Center area they will be asked by Security Officers and/or the Trail Point Director on duty to return to the seating area in front of the Trail Point front desk. If there is a disruption of any kind, Trail Point staff will contact parents/guardians in accordance with Trail Point policy.

Except as set forth above, unattended minors at any DMACC facility or grounds:

- a. The parent/guardian will be called when a minor is found in non-compliance with the procedures.
- b. The minor will be turned over to Campus Security or Campus Provost/Provost Designee until the parent/guardian is located.
- c. If the unattended minor does not comply with the requests of Campus Security Officers or Campus Provost/Provost Designees and the parents/ cannot be located, local law enforcement officers will be called. If the parent/guardian cannot be located and local law enforcement has been called, the minor will be taken to a secure area to wait for local law enforcement to arrive.

- d. Repeat instances of a student and/or employee leaving a minor unattended may result in student and/or employee disciplinary action.
- e. Repeat instances of non-employee or non-student leaving a minor unattended may result in referral to law enforcement.



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