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**Policy Statement**

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While the College seeks to focus on providing an environment supportive of families and open to family issues, it also takes the position that children should not be brought into offices, classrooms and other instructional and student support areas in lieu of having a regular childcare provider.

Upon occasion, extenuating circumstances may arise when students in their role as parent/guardian must bring their children with them to campus. On such occasions, with the instructor's advance permission, children may be brought into the classroom, but they must remain under direct supervision of the parent/guardian and shall not be permitted to disrupt the learning environment.

This policy is not intended to prohibit appropriately supervised children from the campus when the purpose of their visit is to attend specified cultural or sporting events. Parents/guardians failing to supervise their child sufficiently, however, may be asked to remove the child from the premises.

Finally, since students as parents/guardians are responsible for the behavior of their children on campus, they are subject to disciplinary sanctions according to the *Student Code of Conduct: Policies and Procedures* for any disruptive or destructive behavior by their children.

**Procedures**

Associate Deans, Department chairpersons, and classroom instructors will enforce the above policy.

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**Reason for Policy**

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To document guidelines on bringing children to class.

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**Entities Affected By This Policy**

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All employees and students.