



Title of Policy: CHILDREN ON BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE’S PROPERTY

Policy (check one): New _____ Revised X

Applies to (check all that apply):

Faculty X **Staff** X **Students** X

Division/Department _____ **College** _____

Purpose:

This policy is intended to provide a friendly and safe campus while maintaining a learning environment for Baltimore City Community College students and a disruption free workplace for our employees.

To assure the appropriate supervision of children on campus and set out appropriate conditions, locations, and situations where children are permitted, and to revise the current Children in Classrooms/Laboratories Policy below:

To ensure the safety of children, those under the age of 18 must not be left unattended on college property. To prevent disruption of the learning process, children are not permitted in classrooms or laboratories when classes are in session. Faculty members may make exceptions in individual cases provided that the learning process is not disrupted.

Background to Issue/Rationale for Policy:

Baltimore City Community College, an open campus with various activities or operational functions that are constantly occurring, is aware and concerned for the safety of unattended minors on the College’s premises.

Baltimore City Community College is dedicated to providing an outstanding educational experience to students. To a significant degree this dedication is reflected in the steps taken to keep the learning environment of our classrooms free of distractions such as those that are inevitable when children are present.

Given the nature of the activities and hazardous substances in many of our laboratories, the College faces substantial liability risk by permitting children in them at any time.

In addition, computer access in the libraries is designed for the use of students who should have free access to information. Therefore, library computers do not restrict website accessibility.

Baltimore City Community College is also dedicated to providing outstanding administrative support services to all clients utilizing such services and as such is aware of the potential disruption of services because of employees' children in the college work areas.

For the purposes of this policy "classroom" includes computer labs, test centers, libraries, and all physical education facilities. In addition, individuals under the age of 18 are defined as children/minors.

Policy Statement:

It is the policy of Baltimore City Community College to encourage safe, supervised campus visitations by children who are taking part in organized scheduled activities, enrolled in specific classes or attending educational, cultural, and sporting events or camps. Other than these activities, children are not permitted in the classroom, libraries, computer labs, science labs, physical education facilities or in any other areas of the College unless properly enrolled in a program. Under no circumstances may unsupervised children be allowed to play on campus grounds, roam campus buildings, and sit in campus buildings or outside benches on the grounds. Employees are prohibited from bringing children to work during working hours.

Originator/Division: Workforce Development and Continuing Education

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****This policy once approved by the Board of Trustees supersedes all other policies.***