

## CHILDREN IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON CAMPUS

### I. Policy Section

8.0 Students

### II. Policy Subsection

8.18 Children in the Classroom and on Campus

### III. Policy Statement

- A. Classroom Policy: GRCC prohibits bringing children to class and/or leaving them unattended on GRCC campuses and controlled spaces such as halls, the library, the student center, tutorial and computer labs, and testing centers.
- B. Campus Policy: Children accompanying visitors, employees, or students of Grand Rapids Community College must be under the direct and constant supervision of a responsible adult while on GRCC campus.
- C. Officially sponsored institutional, programmatic activities for non-students and students under the age of 18 enrolled in GRCC classes are not considered children under this policy.

### IV. Reason for Policy

Members of the College community, such as, administrators, faculty, staff, or students are not authorized to assume responsibility for the caring of children, unless the person is leaving the child in a College program sanctioned for children. Children on campus without the proper supervision may disrupt the educational process or work setting. Leaving the children unsupervised may also create a safety hazard for the children themselves or for others at the College.

### V. Entities Affected by This Policy

Students, faculty and staff. Additionally, childcare facilities, relatives, and others responsible for the care and well-being of students' children would be affected by this policy.

### VI. Who Should Read This Policy

All College Staff Students

VII. Related Documents

- A. College Documents (contracts, guidelines, etc.)
- B. Other Documents (laws, regulations, guidelines)

VIII. Contacts

Director of Student Life and Conduct

Campus Police

Academic Governing Council

IX. Definitions

On-campus: All property owned, controlled or leased by GRCC

X. Procedures

- A. Children found unattended will be reported to Campus Police, who will follow-up with the child to obtain information on who his or her parent or guardian is. That person will then be located and required to supervise the child or leave campus.
- B. Offenses may require the student to meet with the Director of Student Life and Conduct or, if it is an employee, to meet with Human Resources.

XI. Forms

N/A

XII. Effective Date

August 28, 2023

XIII. Policy History

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XIV. Policy Review/Revision

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