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UNATTENDED CHILDREN

PURPOSE

To establish a procedure concerning the well-being and safety of children on campus and to establish an educational environment conducive to learning.

BACKGROUND

It is the policy of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College to strictly limit and otherwise prohibit the presence of children on campus. Occasionally, adults will bring their small children to campus during registration or class periods. The college cannot assume responsibility for unattended children wandering about the campus. While Rowan-Cabarrus Community College provides adults opportunities to learn, parents are strongly discouraged from bringing children with them to campus. Should a parent have to bring a child to campus, the parent is to exercise stringent personal control and restraint of the child at all times. Children should never be left unattended in any building, parking lot, or anywhere on school grounds. Not knowing the dangers involved, unattended children may wander into areas that could jeopardize their safety or well-being.

Children are not permitted to be in a classroom while a class is in progress. Some laboratories and shops contain potentially dangerous equipment and/or materials that may be unsafe for children. No one is authorized to be in a classroom except those students registered for the course, the instructor, institutional representatives, or guest lecturers, etc., by permission of the instructor. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College is committed to providing an environment conducive to learning. When children are brought into the classroom, they may disrupt the educational environment.

Children under the age of sixteen are not permitted in the Learning Resource Center.

RESPONSIBILTIES

1. Each Vice President or Dean is responsible for the implementation of this procedure in his/her own area.
2. Each faculty member is responsible for enforcing the observance of this procedure in

the classroom.

3. All staff, faculty, and administrative officials are responsible for enforcing the observance of this procedure in other areas of the campus.

PROCEDURE

If children are brought into the classroom, the faculty member should diplomatically inform the student about this procedure and ask the student not to bring the child back to class.

If unattended children are observed on campus, the school employee observing the child is to obtain the child's name and immediately locate the parent or notify Student Services or the Assistant Vice President, Evening Operations.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Former procedure numbers: 1.7, 1.23

*Original (signed) procedure is on file in the
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