Southwestern Community College welcomes visitors to campus. All visitors must comply with the College’s policies and procedures. Additionally, in the interest of safety and to minimize disruption to classes and operations, all visitors shall adhere to the following rules:

I. Visitors

All visitors to instructional areas must have the instructor’s prior approval. Visitors unfamiliar with the campus should report to the College’s information center.

All visitors to laboratories, shops or other potentially hazardous areas must be escorted by a member of the faculty or staff.

II. Minor Children

1. For the purposes of this policy, minor children are defined as children under the age of eighteen (18) and are not enrolled in a College course or a student in Early College.

2. Students and College employees are encouraged to make child care arrangements to reduce interruption of the educational process and avoid possible injury to a minor. Supervisors are responsible and accountable for ensuring that minor children on campus adhere to College policies and procedures. Should employees require time to resolve their childcare situation, they are required to leave work and use the appropriate leave (see Board Policies Chapter 4 – Personnel).

3. Minor children are allowed in offices on the campus for short, occasional visitations when accompanied by a responsible adult. In addition, instructors have the discretion to make infrequent exceptions regarding the care of minor children due to temporary, unforeseen emergencies. In these cases, minor children must remain in the classroom under their parent/guardian’s direct supervisor and are not allowed to sit in the hallway or be unsupervised in other locations on campus.

4. Minor children are not allowed on campus when the child has a contagious condition or is too ill to be sent to the regular childcare location or school. Minor children may not enter shops, labs or other hazards areas.

III. Removal from Campus

To ensure a safe and secure campus environment, the President, his designees, and senior administrators (Vice Presidents), have the authority to dismiss a person from campus. Legal action for trespass may be taken if the person does not comply.

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