

AGC Decision Form
8.18 Children in the Classroom and on Campus
Approved by AGC Executive Committee on: 8-10-23

Decision

On April 11th, 2023 the AGC membership voted to endorse revisions to the 8.18 'Children in the Classroom and on Campus' Policy Statement. The revisions reflect the need to update specific campus locations and the problematic nature of the term 'Minors'.

The existing Policy Statement reads:

III. Policy Statement

- A. Classroom Policy: GRCC prohibits bringing children to class and/or leaving them unattended on campus such as halls, the library, the student center, computer labs, etc.
- 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. Minors enrolled in GRCC classes are not considered children under this policy.

Below is the new language (with specific changes underlined):

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.

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Rationale

This policy was up for review in 2022-2023. The team received feedback that certain aspects of the policy need to be clarified due to GRCC's multiple campuses and sites. The team was also informed that students often bring children to the tutorial labs and testing centers, which can be disruptive. Finally, the team was asked to replace the term 'minors' with more alternative language as GRCC has students who are under the age of 18.

Supporting Data

N/A

Implications for Actions

Implementation should be as soon as possible.

Date of Decision by AGC

April 11th, 2023

- 61 votes to approve
- 1 vote to not approve
- 4 votes to abstain

Section to be Completed by the Provost

Evaluation Plan

Next scheduled review of policy: 2026-27 Academic Year.

Response from Provost

Approved for immediate implementation.



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