

2535 – Children in the Classroom

It is the position responsibility of the College to provide an atmosphere in the classroom that is conducive to the learning of all students. As such, the College does not allow students, who are responsible for the care of children, to bring these children to class unless they can make arrangements for provide continuous and direct supervision of those children, outside of the classroom, while class is in session. Children should not be left unattended at Barton campus locations or other outreach sites.

In the event a student needs to miss class in order to care for a child, the student should visit with their instructor to determine how the instructor's attendance policy applies to the absence. In some cases, a student MAY be able to attend the class session remotely; however, this opportunity is at the discretion of the instructor unless the student is already enrolled in an alternate delivery class method.

If an alternate delivery option is available, a student must adhere to the instructor's guidance on managing children during class.

Students seeking childcare for children between the ages of 2 weeks and 12 years may contact the Child Development Center on the Barton County Campus in Great Bend for potential child care options. Availability is generally associated with full-time child care, but periodic care for pre-registered children may be available on a limited basis. For more information, contact the CDC Director at 620.792.9360.

Instructor Options

Instructors may make the following information available to students:

- If you are responsible for the care of a child, be advised that while you are in class your child should not be left unattended in Barton Buildings or any other instructional site.
- You should not bring the child to class with you as the child's presence can be disruptive to other students and the instructor. In addition, if you work in college labs (including Science Labs, Art Labs, or Computer Labs) at times, when they are open for student use, you will not be allowed to bring your child into those labs.
- If your child cannot attend school due to a school vacation or if the child becomes ill and cannot go to school or a child care center, do not bring the child with you to class as you will be advised to find a more appropriate location to provide proper care for the child. When you miss a class because of your child's illness, you may make up your work for classes missed if prior arrangements were made with the instructor.
- If your child is between the ages of 2 weeks to 12 years, the Barton Child Development Center on campus may be able to provide care for your child periodically if you have completed the necessary application in advance. Applications are available from the staff at the Child Development Center located to the north of the student housing high rise.

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Related Form(s):

References:

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