

**Employee Questions/Comments**  
**2535-Children in the Classroom**

<b>Questions/Comments #1</b>	
<b>Questions/Comments</b>	<p>It is the position <del>responsibility</del> 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, <del>who are responsible for the care of children,</del> to bring these children to class unless they can <del>make arrangements for provide</del> continuous and direct supervision of those children, outside of the classroom, while class is in session. <del>Children should not be left unattended at Barton campus locations or other outreach sites.</del></p> <p>I know what you mean, but I am the child of Dwaine and Bonny and I am 58 years old. There are 14 year old children that would love the opportunity to be in the library, explore the campus, etc, and they would not be disruptive. If you must give it an age, I would recommend 16. Barton has several students enrolled that are 16 years old.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><del>Why not just put the period after "instructor" and strike "unless the student is already enrolled in an alternate delivery class method?"</del></p> <p>If an alternate delivery option is available, a student must adhere to the instructor's guidance on managing children during class.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><del>The new statement eliminates all references to children with the student in the Library, Computer Labs, etc. I would be happy with a statement something like: Students who have children with them in the Library, Computer Lab or other learning spaces, are responsible for the conduct of those children. If the children are disruptive the learning experience of other students, they must be removed from that space immediately.</del></p>
<b>Response(s)</b>	<p>Peter,</p> <p>Thank you for your feedback to the adjustments made to procedure 2535 – Children in the Classroom. I reached out to members of Dean's Council and shared your input and requested their feedback. After additional dialogue, I have made the adjustment suggested in paragraph two and eliminated "unless the student is already enrolled in an alternate delivery class method."</p> <p>Jenna – I have attached the updated procedure.</p> <p>As to your suggestion of identifying an age at which visiting children could be on campus – perhaps in an alternate location from their parent, we are in disagreement. We feel the definition of a non-disruptive or well behaved child is subjective and to determine an appointment age will vary by child.</p> <p>Again, thank you for providing comments.</p> <p>Elaine Simmons</p>

<b>Questions/Comments #2</b>	
Questions/Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The policy seems to be written only towards students that are taking classes face to face. Are there any expectations for students taking the courses exclusively remotely?</li> <li>• <b>Statement:</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What would be an alternate delivery class method? Students can attend classes face to face or via Zoom (live online or fusion). If Zoom is a part of the course, the remote option is available.</li> <li>○ Online students don't require Zoom in their courses, but possibly hybrid?</li> <li>○ Recommendation: In some cases, a student MAY be able to attend the class session remotely; however, this opportunity is at the discretion of the instructor.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Statement:</b> If an alternate delivery option is available, a student must adhere to the instructor's guidance on managing children during class. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This statement doesn't sound like it applies to all courses being taught remotely.</li> <li>○ Recommendation: For courses being taught exclusively through Zoom or with remote options, a student must adhere to the instructor's guidance on managing children during class.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Statement:</b> For more information, contact the CDC Director at 620.792.9360. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I would not recommend using the acronym CDC.</li> <li>○ Recommendation: Contact the director of the Child Development Center.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Response(s)	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Thank you for your comments regarding the revisions to procedure 2535 Children in the Classroom. Jenna Hoffman shared your feedback with me. I have inserted responses below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The policy seems to be written only towards students that are taking classes face to face. Are there any expectations for students taking the courses exclusively remotely? Excellent point! I've updated the procedure to read the College does not allow children to attend class without any qualifier that would lead the reader to believe it only means physical classes. I have separated the information about children at a physical location to help the reader further understand that</li> </ul>

overall children are not allowed in class regardless of location and venue.

- **Statement:** 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.
  - What would be an alternate delivery class method? Students can attend classes face to face or via Zoom (live online or fuzion). If Zoom is a part of the course, the remote option is available.
  - Online students don't require Zoom in their courses, but possibly hybrid?
  - Recommendation: In some cases, a student MAY be able to attend the class session remotely; however, this opportunity is at the discretion of the instructor.
- **Agreed!** Peter Solie also forwarded the same comment and we have updated the procedure to align with what you have proposed.
- **Statement:** If an alternate delivery option is available, a student must adhere to the instructor's guidance on managing children during class.
  - This statement doesn't sound like it applies to all courses being taught remotely.
  - Recommendation: For courses being taught exclusively through Zoom or with remote options, a student must adhere to the instructor's guidance on managing children during class.
- **Recommendation accepted;** however, I removed the word "zoom" and used video platform in order not to date the procedure should we change products.
- **Statement:** For more information, contact the CDC Director at 620.792.9360.
  - I would not recommend using the acronym CDC.
  - Recommendation: Contact the director of the Child Development Center.
- **Good catch! Accepted and changed.**

Elaine Simmons