



**Title:** Children and Guests Policy  
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**Issuing Authority:** Provost and Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance  
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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide appropriate limitations for employees and students bringing children and guests to campus.

## **Scope**

This policy applies to all members of the Mercer University community.

## **Exclusions**

None

## **Definitions**

As used in this policy, the following term(s) have the meaning specified below:

**Guest:** a person invited by an officer, employee, or student to visit the campus at a specific time and place for a designated purpose.

## **Policy Statement**

The campuses, regional academic centers, and all other facilities of Mercer University are restricted to students, faculty, staff, and guests of the University, except when all or part of the University location, its buildings, or facilities are open to the general public for a designated time and purpose.

Personal guests of students are permitted as long as they restrict the length of their campus visits and abide by all appropriate guidelines and policies related to their visit.

Arranging childcare is the personal responsibility of students, faculty, and staff who have children. Students, faculty, and staff are not authorized to bring children to a Mercer facility for extended periods of time. Frequent or lengthy visits of children are not permitted, as they may create disruptions and distractions and present a liability to the University for their safety. Children, other than those specifically enrolled in a youth-specific program, may not attend class, use University equipment, or be left unattended on University property.

**Additional Resources**

Minors on Campus Policy (for programs and activities): <https://policies.mercer.edu/children-and-guests/>