



Children on Campus Guide

Western Michigan University encourages the public community to visit its facilities anytime that it would not hinder the primary mission of educating students and conducting its research activities. WMU is very proud of both the beautifully landscaped grounds and state of the art facilities found throughout its campus. We invite those who desire to see and experience them. However, due to liability and safety concerns the following guidelines apply to children under the age of 13.

Employee Guidelines

1. Bringing children to the work place (during regular working hours):
 - a. only occasionally with supervisor's approval
 - b. must have "line of sight supervision" at all times
 - c. child should not be left unattended or with other employees
 - d. child should not interfere with workplace activities
2. Children are not allowed in high risk areas such as:
 - a. laboratories/shops/studios
 - b. the power plant
 - c. food service areas
 - d. mechanical rooms
 - e. any areas containing machinery with moving parts
 - f. or power operated equipment
 - g. maintenance shops
 - h. physical plant garage
 - i. any other high risk area

Student Guidelines

1. A child should not be left unattended while the parent is attending class on campus.
2. A child should not be left unattended while the parent is conducting any other University business or social function on campus.
3. Line of sight supervision required at all times.
4. Children are not allowed in labs or shops, or other high risk areas on campus.
5. Children are not allowed in classrooms while classes are in session, unless permission is granted by the faculty member. Should a child become disruptive, the enrolled student and the child will be asked to leave.



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Visitor Guidelines

1. Line of sight supervision required at all times.
2. Parents should assure that child is not disruptive to University operations.
3. Parents should not leave child unattended at athletic events, skating classes, or other University sponsored activities.

Exceptions

1. Approved guided or supervised tours.
2. Sports Camps
3. Other University controlled/supervised programs.
4. Supervisor ratio should be no more than 10 children per 1 adult chaperone.

NOTE: Many University buildings were not designed with small children in mind. Please be particularly cautious with your children around stairwells.