

For purposes of this board policy, the term “child” means an individual under the age of 13 years who is not enrolled in MiraCosta College as a full-time or part-time student. Under the limited circumstances set forth in this policy, a child may be part of the MiraCosta College teaching-learning environment. Whenever a child is present, however, thoughtful, adult supervision is required.

The district is committed to providing a physical environment that enhances teaching and learning, while supporting the personal safety of all members of the campus community.

Children are not permitted to be on any MiraCosta College site. If a child’s presence is not disruptive, or no health and safety risks are identified, the following exceptions may apply:

- The child is enrolled in MiraCosta College’s Child Development Center or other instructional programs of MiraCosta College.
- The child is attending a public event and is accompanied by at least one adult.
- The child is accompanied by an adult who is accessing a student service.
- The child is enrolled in community education summer programs for children or who is attending community services classes per Education Code 78300(b).
- The child is participating in a regular class with the approval of both a parent and the instructor.

Unaccompanied Children

Under no circumstances may an unattended or unsupervised child be on MiraCosta College property, including playing, roaming, and occupying grounds or buildings. Leaving a child unattended may violate penal codes regarding child abandonment and child endangerment. Any MiraCosta College employee who finds an unaccompanied child on district property shall immediately inform College Police.

Transportation Services

Children are not permitted as passengers in any form of district transportation, including but not limited to golf carts, cars, vans, trucks, and buses, except unless registered in or as part of a class or program. Children involved in field trips through Child Development Center enrollment are required to meet all federal and state child-restraint regulations when riding in district vehicles.

Visitors, including children, to any MiraCosta College facility are subject to all relevant MiraCosta College board policies and administrative procedures.

Parents and guardians have the ultimate responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of the children in their care. MiraCosta College and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall not be liable for the consequences of children being on campus. Students, employees, and accompanying adult visitors may not leave a child unsupervised on campus at any time.