

Minors on Campus

Conduct Requirements of Authorized Adults

Grand Valley State University, September 2018

All Authorized Adults, participating in Programs and activities covered by this policy, should be positive role models and act in a caring, honest, respectful, and responsible manner. They are required to comply with all applicable laws and University policy. In addition, at all times, they shall:

1. In general, avoid One-on-One Contact with Minors, unless in public spaces. Two or more Authorized Adults must be involved in Programs where Minors are present unless a waiver has been signed or an exception has been granted.
2. Have separate accommodations from the Minors. An Authorized Adult should not have One-on-One Contact by entering a Minor's room, bathroom facility, or similar area without another Authorized Adult in attendance.
3. Not take photographs or digital images of Minors other than specified in the waiver for photography.
4. Not engage in private communication not pertaining to Program matters with a Minor by email, telephone, text message, social media, or any other method at any time, except when there is a clear educational purpose and the communication is consistent with the mission of the University.
5. Not meet with Minors outside of established times for Program activities. Any exceptions require written Parent/Legal Guardian/Foster Parent authorization and must include more than one Authorized Adult from the Program.
6. In the presence of a Minor or during any University Program, not engage in any sexual activity or romantic conversations, or sexually explicit comments.
7. Not possess, have within reach and/or share sexually-oriented printed or computerized or portable materials (magazines, cards, videos, films, clothing, smartphones, etc.) in any form available to Minors participating in Programs or activities covered by this policy or assist them in any way in gaining access to such materials. The one exception would be legitimate sexual education Programs in which the Minor's Parent/Legal Guardian/Foster Parent have given prior written consent.
8. Not engage in abusive conduct of any kind toward, or in the presence of, a Minor. For example, no Authorized Adult shall strike, hit, administer corporal punishment or touch in an abusive or illegal manner any Minor. If necessary, touching should only be in the open, in response to the Minor's immediate physical needs, for a purpose that is consistent with the Program's mission and culture, or for a clear educational, development, safety, or health-related purpose (i.e., treatment of an injury).

9. Not possess fireworks, firearms, knives, or other weapons, unless being used for an officially sanctioned and approved instructional Program. (See also the Weapons policy [[PC 6.271](#)].)
10. Not transport Minors, except as specifically authorized in writing by the Minor's Parent/Legal Guardian/Foster Parent, or in the case of an emergency.
11. Not engage in the use of alcohol or illegal drugs, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, during such Programs or activities. (See also the Alcohol and Other Drugs policy [[PC 5.1](#)].)
12. Respect and adhere to any resistance from the Minor unless it is a life- threatening emergency.
13. Not continue to participate in Programs or activities if an allegation of prohibited or illegal conduct has been made against an Authorized Adult covered by this Policy until such allegation has been satisfactorily resolved and future participation in Programs is permitted by the University.
14. Not engage in any activity that violates the policies of the University (www.gvsu.edu/policies). This includes the harassment policies [[PC 9.1](#), [PC 9.3](#)], the Sexual Misconduct policy [[PC 9.4](#)], and the Religious Inclusion policy [[PC 9.6](#)].

Those who do not meet the prescribed standards of behavior may be asked to leave the Campus and/or Program and may be subject to expulsion from the Program, suspension of attendance, being issued a "no-trespass" order by Public Safety, or disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. (See also Section VII of this policy.)

The behavioral requirements in this policy are not meant to preclude enrolled University students from developing appropriate friendships with Minors who are close in age to the enrolled student; rather, the requirements are meant to protect Minors from abusive or illegal contact and inappropriate relationships.

As an Authorized Adult in a GVSU program, I certify that I have received, read, and understood the Conduct Requirements for Authorized Adults at Grand Valley State University.

Printed Name of Authorized Adult

Signature of Authorized Adult

Date