

Policy Name: Children & Animals in the Academic Setting - SCHS
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I. Policy

Children & Animals in the Academic Setting

II. Purpose

To provide guidance around the presence of children and animals in facilities owned or controlled by Bon Secours Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS).

III. Scope

This policy applies to all SCHS students, associates, and guests.

IV. Definitions

None

V. Policy Details

The College is an institution of higher learning and as such, the environment is not always well suited for children or animals. Children are permitted on College facilities for social events and brief visits. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and the adult must be mindful of any distractions this may cause others while at the College. Children are not permitted to be in the classroom or practicum setting without prior written approval by the Dean of Academic Affairs or designee. Animals are not permitted in any College facility, with the following exceptions:

- Working service animals.
- College-approved emotional support animals.
- Animals under the control of a law enforcement officer during the law enforcement officer's duties.
- Animals approved by the College for use in research or for instructional purposes.

VI. Attachments

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None

VII. Related Policies

None

VIII. Disclaimers

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) and any party. SCHS, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

IX. Version Control

Version	Date	Description	Prepared by
1.0	7/23/2020	Moved to new template.	P Roberson
1.0	3/22/2021	Biannual Review	Dean of Administration
1.1	5/2/2023	Triennial Review	Dean of Administration
2.0	7/24/2024	Updated to align with 2024 U.S. DOE regulations	Dean of Administration