



Osage Nation Heritage Center

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Policy Statement: The Osage Nation Heritage Center has rules that govern minor children (age 0 to 17) being present in the classrooms and in the building in general.

Policy Purpose: These rules are in place to produce and maintain a productive learning environment and protect the health and safety of minor children.

Applicability: This policy applies to all students attending language class and/or cultural classes in the Osage Nation Heritage Center and any minor children under their supervision.

The Osage Nation Heritage Center values family life and has worked to develop policies and procedures that support families. While the Heritage Center seeks to focus on providing an environment open to family issues, it also takes the position that certain minor children should not be brought into classrooms, instructional areas, or other locations in the building in lieu of having a 3rd party childcare provider.

In order to produce and maintain a productive learning environment, no minor children under the age of 13 years are allowed in adult classes provided by the Osage Nation Language Department or the Wahzhazhe Cultural Center. For health and safety reasons, no minor children under the age of 13 years are to be left unsupervised outside of the adult classroom.

Minor children age 13 and above are allowed and encouraged to participate as unaccompanied students in all classes and activities at the Osage Nation Heritage Center.

Minor children ages 5-13 years are allowed to participate as unaccompanied students in the children's language class provided by the Osage Nation Language Department.

If minor children under the age of 13 are to be in the building, they must either be in a children's language class, or outside of an adult classroom but under the supervision of a responsible 3rd party childcare provider who can maintain order and keep the minor child safe from harm.

Students are responsible for the behavior of their minor children in the building, they may be subject to dismissal from class according to *WCC000-002.1 WCC Classroom Policies and Procedures*.

In addition, to prevent spills and accidents children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult during meal times.

As always, appropriately supervised minor children are welcome and encouraged to attend specified language and cultural events for families and/or children.