

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS IN NONCREDIT COURSES

It shall be the policy of the Board of Trustees to provide the opportunity for minors to enroll and attend Southwestern College noncredit courses for adults, subject to the following conditions:

1. Minors are defined as students twelve through seventeen years of age.
2. Priority registration will be given to adult students.
3. Parental/guardian consent must be received for minors to enroll and attend.
4. Each noncredit course proposal will indicate specific eligibility criteria for minors.
5. Instructor of record may determine whether or not parents/guardians must accompany all minors in his/her class.
6. All minors attending evening noncredit classes must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
7. College student conduct policies as outlined in the SWC Student Policy handbook apply.
8. Exceptions to this noncredit policy may be resolved through a petition process.
9. Noncredit courses cannot be used for high school credit.

Legal Reference: Education Code Section 76000

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Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges

"Minors (those under 18 years of age) who have received a high school diploma or an equivalency such as the Certificate of Proficiency from the Board of Education or the California High School Equivalency Certificate are guaranteed admission to a community college pursuant to Education Code Section 76000. However, minors without high school diplomas or an equivalency may be admitted to a community college if the statutory requirements governing such admissions are followed. Such students may take credit, **noncredit**, community service courses at a community college."