Students with Children at OSU

what to know

• Students with children may have difficult situations that arise due to their parenting responsibilities such as:
  • Child care provider is sick/closed
  • Sick child who cannot attend school/child care
  • Public school is closed
  • Inclement weather- child care/public school closed...OSU is open
  • Single parents and dual student parents (both parents are juggling class times)
  • Group projects and study groups
  • Requirements outside of normal “class” time
  • Evening test times

in the classroom

• The Childcare and Family Resources office recommends that all students with children inform their professors that they have children, should conflicts arise due to family obligations.

• Students with children sometimes request their child attend class with them as a back-up option. The decision to allow resides with the instructor and instructors are encouraged to consider requests and provide flexibility while maintaining academic or performance standards.

resources

• Our Little Village/Library and Our Little Village/Dixon are free, short term drop-off child care centers in The Valley Library and in Dixon Recreation Center. Students accessing OLV/Library must remain in the Library. Students accessing OLV/Dixon may leave Dixon and must remain on campus. If a class requires study groups, recommend they meet at the Library at times the center is open to accommodate student parents’ schedules. (http://oregonstate.edu/childcare/ourlittlevillage)

• Child care can be difficult for anyone to afford, and even more so for students. There is a child care subsidy that can help students with their child care costs. Information can be found at: http://oregonstate.edu/childcare/paying-child-care

• Many students choose to breastfeed after returning to class. Oregon State University is a Breastfeeding Mother Friendly Employer and has several lactation rooms for student, staff or faculty use. For locations and additional information: http://oregonstate.edu/childcare/breastfeeding

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