

# CHILD SUPERVISION POLICY

## NEWBORNS UNTIL KINDERGARDEN

- Cannot be left at home alone
- Cannot be left in a vehicle unattended  
\*For any length of time, for any reason\*
- Cannot walk to and from school alone
- May play outside at a playground or yard that is within visual and hearing distance of adult supervision

## KINDERGARDEN

- Cannot be left at home alone
- Cannot babysit
- Cannot walk alone (this include school and bus)
- Cannot be left in a vehicle unattended  
\*For any length of time, for any reason\*
- May play outside at a playground or yard that is within visual and hearing distance of adult supervision

## GRADES 1 TO 5

- Cannot be left home alone
- Cannot be left home alone overnight
- Cannot babysit siblings or other children
- May walk to and from school and bus stops.  
(In some location school may have further restriction)
- May play outside at a playground or yard that is within visual and hearing distance of adult supervision
- May be left in a vehicle unattended except in hot weather, for no longer than 10 minutes, provided the child has immediate access to an adult. The key must be removed and the handbrake applied.

## GRADE 6 TO 8

- Cannot be left home alone overnight
- May be left home alone with ready access (phone number) to an adult, but no longer than 6 hours
- May walk alone to and from home to and from adult-sponsored activities
- May be left outside/play outside unattended
- May be left in a vehicle unattended
- May babysit up to 3 hours

## GRADE 9-10

- May be left home alone
- May walk alone to and from home to and from adult-sponsored activities
- May be left outside/play outside unattended
- May be left in a vehicle unattended
- May babysit
- May be left alone overnight, provided the child remains in the local area, has access to a parent or sponsor, and the period does not exceed 24 consecutive hours.

## GRADES 11-12

- May be left home alone
- May walk alone to and from home to and from adult-sponsored activities
- May be left outside/play outside unattended
- May be left in a vehicle unattended
- May babysit
- May be left alone overnight, provided the period does not exceed 3 consecutive days and the parent or sponsor has designated an adult point of contact who will make daily face-to-face contact.

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**NOTES:** 1. The U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity may adjust its child supervision requirements for off-post bus stops if deemed necessary according to local security and safety indicators. School administrators and CYS personnel will inform parents of any local deviations from the requirements in this table. 2. Country-specific or local community guidance applies and is available through the Army Community Services FAP. Youths who wish to babysit (siblings or others) are encouraged to complete the Red Cross Babysitters Course. The number and ages of other children present need to be considered. 3. During the summer, children are considered to be in the grade they just completed until the first day of their next school year. 4. These guidelines do not apply to high-school students who are age 18 or older, nor do they apply to married dependents under the age of 18. 5. Homeschooled children will be considered to be in the grade that is consistent with their age (table 2)

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