

**Mary Lou O'Connor Child Development & Education Center  
Northwest Florida State College**

**Statement of Understanding Concerning the Presence of  
College Students Studying Early Childhood Education**

The Child Development and Education Center serves as a model lab/demonstration program for the Early Childhood Education Department. College students perform observations and participate as interns while practicing as an early childhood teacher in the Child Development & Education Center.

All college students who are completing course requirements for their study in early childhood education:

- Must participate in a mandatory orientation that focuses on CDEC policies and procedures and outlines the responsibilities and limitations of the student while present in the CDEC.
- Sign a memorandum of understanding that outlines the responsibilities and limitations of the student while present in the CDEC.
- Are always under direct supervision of CDEC staff and are never left alone with a child or children.
- Are required to follow the curriculum and classroom procedures in all activities they plan and lead during any internship assignments.

I have read this statement. By enrolling my child in the Child Development & Education Center I understand that my child will interact with college students who are studying early childhood education.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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Child's Name