



## **BFA Students who are under 17 at time of matriculation**

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A majority of students who choose to attend KCAI will be of adult age (18) by the time they start the BFA program as a first-year student, or soon thereafter during the fall semester. In some cases, however, a student may be admitted who is not 18, nor will be during the duration of their first year of school. This policy articulates how KCAI will handle students who are under 17 when they start, what is expected of these students, and parents of said students.

Students will be expected to complete the following tasks prior to starting school:

- Submit a Family Educational Right and Privacy Act ([FERPA](#)) waiver that allows college officials to be in contact with their parents/guardians.
- Complete the KCAI medical release form.
- Parent/guardian must complete the addendum to the Housing Application and acknowledge the parent/guardian is responsible for the terms and conditions of the Housing Application, while the student remains a minor.

KCAI expects these actions to be taken and does so in the spirit of legal compliance, and student success. While college officials will make reasonable efforts to assist a student who falls into this category, it is also important that the student and parents/guardians have a clear understanding that KCAI is a college, and faculty and administrators design its curriculum and programs for adults, and they may contain adult subject matter and themes. The KCAI curriculum will not be altered due to the presence of a minor student enrolled in the college. Further, College employees do not owe a heightened duty of care to minor students enrolled as college students, and will not be acting in the role of parents/guardians to students, nor will they monitor their behavior or view their choices differently than they would those of students who are older.

Secondly, it is KCAI's expectation that students and their parents/guardians have a discussion of the realities and potential risks of living away from home in an adult environment, and that they have determined the student has the maturity to live and function in this setting. We also expect that the student is empowered and capable of making day-to-day academic and life-style decisions and choices on their own. Both the parents/guardians and students understand that the student will be subject to and expected to comply with the same College policies as all other KCAI students.