

/Absences, Withdrawals, Incompletes

If a student is struggling with personal, medical, or financial problems that are impacting their class attendance, SD can work with students to communicate with their faculty. While faculty make the determination as to whether or not to excuse an absence, SD can provide support and guidance in the process.

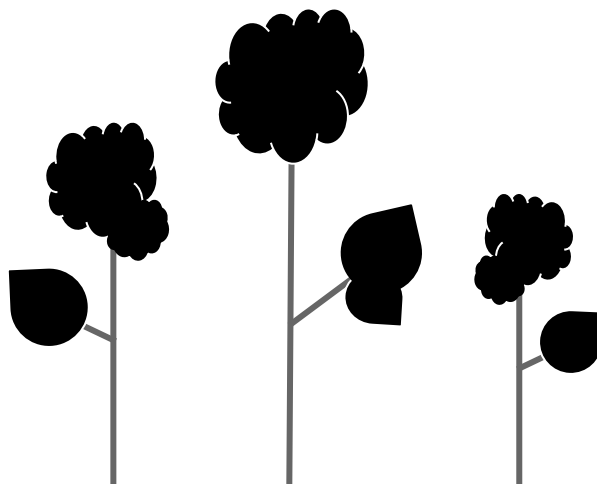
At times, there may be medical concerns that make it necessary for a student to withdraw from one or more of their classes. With documentation from a medical professional, SD can work with the student and Academic Advising to withdraw from course(s) being impacted by the student's health concerns.

In the event that it is necessary for a student to step away from MICA for a semester due to medical or personal issues, then the ADSD can discuss with the student the process of requesting a Leave of Absence. The ADSD will explore all possible options with the student, and outline the impact of taking a leave, and the requirements for returning to MICA.

/Privacy

The Student Development team is not a confidential resource like a therapist or doctor. However, SD will maintain student privacy, regarding personal information when speaking with parents, faculty or other members of staff, unless it is necessary for collaborative support, there is a concern for the safety of the student or other individuals, or a report of sexual violence or abuse.

A student must consent before we can include parents in any care or support process. MICA is in full compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. We cannot share student information with parents unless a student consents or asks us to do so because of this compliance.



Welcome to /Student Development!

A Guide for Parents

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Student Development (SD), are the people in the Office of Student Affairs who work directly with students to solve problems that are impacting their academic success.

/What can SD help with?

Coordination with faculty regarding the potential for extensions, incompletes, or other arrangements that may assist students with successful completion of course requirements.

Communication with faculty if class attendance is affected by familial, personal, health, or financial problems.

Leave of Absences or Medical Withdraws, if appropriate, from one or more courses. Assistance with transitioning back to campus after a Leave of Absence.

Individualized problem solving that may include referrals to on-campus and off-campus resources

/Health and Wellness

Student Development will collaborate with community services, the Student Counseling Center, advisors, faculty, and other campus resources to ensure your child is supported throughout their time at MICA.

If your child is struggling with mental health concerns, sexual or domestic violence, gender identity, or other concerns please encourage them to contact SD. You can also contact us if you are concerned about them and we can reach out to them to ask if they would like to meet with us. We are happy to speak with students, connect them with additional support, and make appropriate referrals.

It is to the benefit of students to speak with the Student Development early in the semester, or as soon as possible after a concern arises. Even if they are not sure whether or not SD can help with their concern, they are welcome to reach out for guidance. Early intervention can often provide students with more options than waiting until a crisis situation has occurred.

/FAQ's

When should I refer my child to get help? How do I know if a student is in actual need of help?

It can be hard to tell if a student is struggling and stressed out, or if something more is going on. Listen to their language, including body language. If a student has expressed concerns about themselves, or dramatically changes their behavior, you should reach out.

Why can't you tell me what my child reports in a SD meeting?

MICA's student record practices are in full compliance with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). This federal law affords students certain rights and protection with respect to their education records. These protections include the right to limit the release of directory information.

The College will not release information about a student from records, except directory information, to people (including parents) without obtaining the written consent of the student. Exceptions to this policy are permitted by law and can include the release of information to parents/legal guardians of students (under 21) who have violated the alcohol or drug policy of the institution

What if I think a student is in need of urgent help?

If you feel that your student is in imminent danger please call 911 or Campus Safety (410.225.3333)