

AGE MATRIX

Parents and guardians are responsible for the welfare and safety of children in the military community. Each child is unique. Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity level are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. ***Parents are responsible for making this decision.*** The following are minimum community standards; under no circumstances will grades for activities be reduced. Parents are still **required** to assess their children and, if necessary, raise the grade, and to follow any differing preset restrictions such as school bus requirements. These guidelines apply to military and DOD personnel living on or off post.

Grade of Child	Required Supervision	Left Alone in Quarters	Left Alone Overnight	Play Outside Unattended	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
Preschool	Direct Supervision Required	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Elementary School Kindergarten and 1st Grade	Direct Supervision Required	NO	NO	YES: With immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision	NO	NO	NO
Elementary School Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5	Direct Supervision Required	NO	NO	YES: Parent or caregiver in the home or immediate vicinity and knows location of child	NO	NO	NO
Middle School Grade 6	Parental assessment. Parent knows child's location and activities. Emergency contact available.	YES: With ready access to adult supervision; Limit to 3 hrs *See Below	NO	YES: With access to adult supervision	YES: With keys removed and hand brake applied	NO	NO
Middle School Grades 7-8	Same requirement as listed for Grade 6.	YES: With access to adult supervision; Limit to 6 hrs	NO	YES: With access to adult supervision	YES	YES	YES: Limit to 6 hours *See Below
High School Grades 9-12	Not required	YES	YES: With access to adult supervision	YES	YES	YES	YES: May sit overnight *See Below

*ACS Family Advocacy Program, Home Alone Self-Care Training required. POC 738-8861/5150

*American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course is required to care for children other than immediate family members. POC 738-3670

To report violations of this policy that may constitute neglect, please call MPs: 724-3004/5 or Abuse Hotline: 737-4101 or 101 from any military phone.