

Safe Science = Good Science

All University activities that involve a Minor, regardless of location, must be registered through the Youth Protection Officer.

Policy excludes the following:

- Undergraduate and graduate programs in which minors are enrolled for academic credit.
- Events open to the general public
- Events in which a Minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian, teacher, or coach who is responsible for their supervision
- Approved programs through the IRB
- Inpatient and outpatient medical, dental, or psychological care
- Normal operations of licensed childcare facilities

Minors in the Laboratory

The University of Louisville is proud to give high school students opportunities to expand their knowledge, skills, and experiences in our various laboratories across our campuses. For any high school students working in our laboratories all faculty, staff, and students that work with or supervise minors (age 14-17) must follow the appropriate policies and procedures to ensure their safety on campus.

Youth Protection Program

The [Youth Protection Program](#) was developed in 2012 to ensure the University continues to protect the youth in our UofL community. Ensure any program or research participation involving research with minors is in compliance with the Policies the University has set forth for the protection of minors. Contact the Youth Protection Officer Melissa Renn Brown, for assistance at melissa.renn@louisville.edu.

The Youth Protection Approval must happen before the minors can visit campus.

New Classroom Training Course for High School Students/Interns

DEHS is happy to provide a safety training course for High School Students (minors between 14-17 years of age). The training will be a 2 ½ hour combined course via discussion, exercises, and hands-on practice covering:

- General Laboratory Safety Practices
- BSL-1 and BSL-2 Biosafety Practices
- Incident Response
- Hazardous Waste Disposal
- Guidelines outlined in the Minors in Laboratory and Animal Facilities Policy

This course will cover the requirements for their Laboratory Safety and Hazardous Waste and Basic Biosafety Training.

To schedule training the Principal Investigators must:

- Have Program registered and approved through the Youth Protection Program and continue to follow all program policies. Contact Melissa Renn Brown for more details melissa.renn@louisville.edu.
- Contact Tim Mulliger to create temporary BioRAFT accounts for students at timothy.mulliger@louisville.edu. Temporary accounts require the students name and a valid email address.
- Contact Lillian Seitz at lillian.seitz@louisville.edu or call 852-3558 to schedule training for your High School Students/Interns.