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# Enrolled Minor Resources

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## BAYLOR ENROLLED MINORS

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Baylor University is committed to creating a caring community for all members of the Baylor Family. The University is eager to provide the support and encouragement students need to reach their potential and make their Baylor experience one to remember. Enrolled students who are under 18 years of age have access to all University resources and programs designed to help students adjust to and make the most of college life. There are some instances where special consideration may be given to enrolled minors and their parents.

Additionally, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) applies to enrolled minors and requires signed consent from the student in order to release information from a student's education record. Follow the QR code to learn more about FERPA and how this may apply to your family.



### ACCELERATE, BAYLOR'S PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

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Baylor University's Accelerate is a pre-college program for rising juniors and seniors in high school. The program allows students to get a jump start on college courses and prepare for college-level rigor. Accelerate students are considered Baylor students. Therefore, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is applicable to Accelerate students.

### COUNSELING CENTER

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The Baylor University Counseling Center offers mental health services for all Baylor students. Students under the age of 16 years require parental consent to receive services. Students 16 years and older may consent for their own mental health treatment if they are residing apart from their parents, conservator or guardian and are managing their own financial affairs regardless of the source of their income.

This applies to most students living on campus or in their own apartment, even if others are paying their expenses. Additionally, students 16-18 years old may consent to their own counseling for specific areas of suicide prevention, chemical addiction or dependency, and sexual, physical, or emotional abuse. The University has partnered with Academic Live Care (ALC) for 24-7 telehealth services to access immediate mental health support for all students. However, ongoing counseling sessions through ACL for students under the age of 18 years require parental consent.

### GLOBAL MISSIONS

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Baylor Mission trips are open for all students to apply. There may be an age requirement from partner organizations or special requirements in place for minor students in the country they are traveling to. If either of the stipulations exist, it will be listed on the trip application page.

### NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

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**Baylor Line Camp** is an extended summer orientation experience for accepted and enrolled students designed to prepare them for their transition to Baylor. At Line Camp, incoming students will forge new friendships, connect with the rich history and tradition of Baylor, and explore how Baylor's distinct Christian mission will animate their story.

**The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act** is applicable to Baylor Line Camp attendees.

### PARENT ENGAGEMENT

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The Office of Parent Engagement manages the Baylor Parent Portal serving all parents. Prospective parents, whose student has applied to Baylor, may join the portal. If parents or guardians enter their student's age as 17 years or younger, they will be put into an Enrolled Minors Community within the portal. Information within that community will help parents understand policies and procedures regarding their enrolled minor student.

### STUDY ABROAD

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Baylor's Global Scholars Program is a distinctive four-year education and professional development opportunity for first-year students. As a Global Scholar, students will travel and study abroad with a faculty mentor and serve in local and global communities. Through casework, research, internships, experiential learning and interaction with leaders worldwide, Global Scholars will develop the skills and knowledge base necessary to thrive in an increasingly global workforce.

### YOUTH PROTECTION

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Baylor University offers various youth programs and activities, including but not limited to academic programs, camps, clinics, workshops, conference and off-campus outreach in compliance with the TEC 51.976 and Texas Education Code 265.12. These programs may be owned and operated by the University or a third party group approved to operate a program on campus utilizing Baylor facilities.

Baylor's Office of Youth Protection is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment to mitigate the threat of child abuse and respond promptly should abuse be observed, suspected or disclosed.