

Procedure - Safety, Operations and Maintenance of School Property

Playground Equipment

Plans to install playground equipment, either temporarily or permanently at a school site, will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the school principal and other appropriate staff members. A representative from the current insurance carrier will be contacted prior to installation.

Guidelines:

- A. Equipment must meet the safety criteria listed below:
 - 1. All playground equipment must have an immediate ground surface which limits the impact from a fall, according to ASTM F-355-72. The safety surface must extend to the maximum distance to which a fall could occur;
 - 2. Equipment is to be placed so as to take advantage of topography of surrounding terrain and far enough apart so that there will be a dispersion of children allowing safe, free movement with the least possible congestion;
 - 3. All equipment is to be free from hazardous protrusions, points and sharp edges.
 - 4. Exposed component materials are to be rust-free, clean and durable to use and weather with a minimum amount of splintering, flaking or other deterioration. Lead paint and creosote will not be used;
 - 5. Equipment that is low to the ground and with a six (6) foot maximum vertical limit is preferred;
 - 6. All moving parts are to be concealed and be designed to minimize the chances of pinching or catching of clothing or of body; and
 - 7. All equipment must be securely anchored according to manufacturer's recommendations and installed by the manufacturer or his/her authorized representative.
- B. Equipment should require a minimum of maintenance, specifically for replacement of parts and painting;
- C. Equipment should be aesthetically appealing, and encourage active and creative use;
- D. Equipment should be difficult to vandalize; and
- E. Unpadded cement or steel stationary poles should not be in areas intended for running games.

The maintenance supervisor will coordinate installation of approved equipment with the school principal.

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