

Safety

Playground Equipment

Plans to install playground equipment, either temporarily or permanently at a school site, shall be reviewed by a committee appointed by the school principal and other appropriate staff members. A representative from the current insurance carrier shall 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 shall 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.
 - 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.
 - E. Unpadded cement or steel stationary poles should not be in areas intended for running games.
- The maintenance supervisor shall coordinate installation of approved equipment with the school principal. Quarterly inspections will be conducted.

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