

Safety

Playground Equipment

Plans to install playground equipment, either temporarily or permanently at a school site, will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the superintendent or designee. A representative from the current insurance carrier will be contacted prior to installation.

Guidelines:

- A. The maintenance supervisor will coordinate installation of approved equipment. Monthly inspections will be conducted by the maintenance department. 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 there will be a disbursement 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 should be low to the ground with a six (6) foot maximum vertical limit.
 6. All moving parts are to be concealed and designed to minimize the changes 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.
 8. All equipment must comply with Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines.

- 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 used in areas intended for running games.

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