



Playground Rules

“Safe and respectful use
of the equipment as it was designed to be used.”

Before School:

Students are to put personal belongings outside classrooms and walk to the playground. Please leave personal basketballs, soccer balls, etc. at home.

Playground Use:

During upper grades recesses, rovers clear students from classrooms and hallways, check library and bathrooms as part of yard duty.

Playground Area #1

WOODCHIP PLAY AREA-

Slide:

- One person at a time
- One direction - down
- One form - seated, facing forward, feet first
- Avoid touching slider
- Do not slide objects, or use extra clothing to slide on

Zip Handles:

- (Grades 1 and 2 do not use it.)
- One person at a time
- Pushing or pulling is not allowed
- Do not wrap legs around a standing person
- 2 people on platform at a time
- Hands only on the handle
- No running starts, or jumping to handles
- No keep away games or tag games in grades 1-4
- Tag games in upper grades require a class discussion.

Ladder Bars:

- Do not boost a student up to the bars

No climbing on top of ladder to sit

No hanging by the knees

Do not skip more than three

“Start with the bar you can reach.”

Stumps:

No pushing or pulling

Trees:

Tree climbing is not allowed.

Sand pit:

All sand stays inside the pit. Nothing is left in the pit except sand.

Wooden Structure:

Do not stand on railings or climb into eaves.

No one may be under the wooden bridge.

Playhouse:

Students are not allowed on the roofs of the playhouses.

BLACKTOP-

Boundary:

Students at recess on the blacktop must respect the boundaries, which are the culvert border on the northwest through south, the west edge of the maintenance portable, the building on the east edge, and the covered picnic area on the north. Older students must wait at the area around the bathrooms for all younger students to exit the playground. Students are not allowed behind woodwork area.

Balls:

1-4th grades

Our focus is on imaginative play for grades 1-4

1st/2nd grades do not use balls at recess

3rd/4th grades may use Frisbee, Beach Balls on field. Also allowed is cooperative ball play that uses hands for batting, rolling, passing, throwing and catching, dribbling, throwing at a designated target and simple ball kicking games such as bowling.

No dodge ball at recess.

Due to safety concerns: No soccer.

No balls are to be thrown or kicked at building walls or people

5-8th grades

Ball games in general must be safe for participants and those nearby, and not present risks such as damage to cars, windows, buildings, or other structures.

Football: touch or flag football only: no tackling, grabbing, or rough play.

Basketball: no pushing, grabbing or rough play

Baseball: due to small, shared field and safety concerns, no baseball or softball at recess is allowed.

Soccer: middle school students have guidelines discussed in class
No balls are to be thrown or kicked at building walls or people

Kicking of balls:

Two-touch must be played against the wooden walls next to the basketball court on the blacktop. Kick ball games may also be done against the cement wall on the field.

No kicking of balls in any other area of blacktop.

Balls may be kicked on field area.

Balls are the responsibility of each class to bring out and return.

Wooden half walls:

Do not sit on top of walls

Climbing walls:

1-2nd grade students can climb on/over the top

3-8th grade students may straddle and sit on top

Hillside:

Students are to use the paths.

Trees:

Tree climbing is not allowed.

FIELD-

Boundary: Students on the field must respect the boundaries, which are the cement walls on the south and west of the field and the east and north fences. Students may sit on cement wall. Students may not play in wooded area due to poison oak and they may not sit on the steps that go down to the back parking lot.

Balls may be kicked on field area.

Diamond:

Students will not slide during games using the diamond. Students will stay on the ground, and not climb fences.

****If field is wet students may play in the swing area. See playground area #2 below for rules.**

Playground Area #2

Swing Area: (available when field is wet or when supervised by class teacher/aide)

Supervised classes may play in the swing area and must respect the boundaries: the fence on the east, the gravel road on the south, the hillside on the west below the field, and out of the parking area on the north (they must stay away from traffic and parked cars). Students are not free to roam into this area.

The “100” count rule: A child waiting to use apparatus counts to 100; then it is their turn. This encourages the practice of taking turns.

Swings:

Jumping off is not allowed; walking off is the only allowed means of exiting the swing.

Children are only allowed in the bark area if they are out of the swing zone and waiting for a turn.

One person per swing.

Straight forward and backward swinging only.

A 100 count rule is in effect.

Bars:

Only 2-3 children per bar at a time.

Count to 100 rule in effect

Ball Wall:

Ball games: handball, two touch, etc.

Trees:

Tree climbing is not allowed.

At End of Recess:

Games stop and balls are to be held and walked in after bell rings.

During TRANSITIONS-

Older students wait for younger students to depart and for bell to ring again before going onto equipment or up steps to field.

All students must wait at field gate until a yard duty is present before going onto field.

After School:

No ball play against building walls is allowed.

For the safety and wellbeing of everyone, school rules are in effect after school. Children are to be supervised at all times.

Younger siblings and children with an early dismissal time may play in the wood chip area and parents may be in the green bench area. Classes still in session may use the other play areas: tetherballs, four squares, basket ball, field, hillside and swing areas.