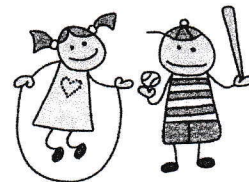




Manchester GATE RULES FOR THE PLAYGROUND



Goal: Students at Manchester GATE School will enjoy recesses and time on the playground safely.

Student Expectations:

1. Students are to conduct themselves in a safe, civil, friendly, and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

- a. Wrestling and other forms of rough play will not be allowed
- b. Throwing rocks, sticks, or other items is not allowed.
- c. **No running in the hallways or on the blacktop except for organized games**
- d. Swearing and vulgarity are specifically prohibited by law.
- e. Jump ropes are for jumping only.
- f. No walking or standing on tables and benches.
- g. Do not throw any balls against buildings
- h. Students are expected to take care of all athletic equipment. Rubber balls, volleyballs, and basketball are not to be kicked, batted, or sat upon. The ball wall is for rubber balls or soccer balls only.
- i. Students are not to play around the portable classrooms, in the hallways, in the restrooms.
- j. Students will not eat snacks while playing. **Gum and seeds are not allowed at school.**
- k. Tag is not allowed to be played on or around the playground structure.
- l. Digging in the sandbox is ok as long as holes are refilled at the end of a recess.
- m. Planter boxes are for sitting only.
- n. Students should not go in the PE Equipment c-bin without being directed by a teacher.

2. **When the bell rings, all students are to stop play immediately, freeze, and walk promptly to their designated line-up area following the whistle.** Once in line all students will remain in line until they return to class. Students with equipment will carry equipment to the ballroom and then proceed to their class' line.

3. Personal PE equipment or toys will be allowed on the yard as long as it is not a disruption to the behavior/games on the yard. If there is a problem, then the student(s) will not be allowed to bring the item to school.

4. Electronic games, radios, headsets, etc are also prohibited. Kindles or other tablets used for reading are allowed. Cell phones should not be used during the school day (except for work/reading in the classroom) and should be kept in their backpack. Any item used inappropriately will be taken and returned to parents.

5. If a teacher permits a student to go to the classroom during lunch recess, the student must exit the cafeteria and walk to the room from the blacktop. The Main corridor will not be used during lunch recess.

6. Chasing and/or tag games will be permitted as long as it does not interfere with the organized games being played on the yard. Soccer games with too many players or tackle football games are prohibited.

Other Game Rules

Basketball games should be played half-court to allow more players

One ball to the side on the ball wall

Teacher Expectations:

1. Supervise in assigned areas
2. Circulate within assigned areas and occasionally check restroom areas.
3. Remind students to not play among the classrooms.
4. Utilize the hierarchy of consequences.
5. Carry QT tickets and detention slips as needed.
6. As the bell rings at the end of recess, a yard duty teacher should monitor the ballroom line.

Hierarchy of Consequences:

1. Verbal Reminder
2. Verbal Reprimand
3. Positive Practice such as giving students explanation/instruction/role-play
4. Use detention slips/office referrals for insubordination or for dangerous situations or repetition of offenses.