

Playground Rules

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

Playground Areas:

Playground Area #1 -Woodchip Area including slide and hillside above. asphalt in front of the benches; students may not play on hillside between benches and field or behind woodwork area. Students are to use hillside trails.

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.

PlayGround Area #2- Basketball Court and two four squares closest to the covered tables, climbing wall and hillside surrounding area, staying on the trails.

Playground Area #3- Field boundaries 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 the field area.

Diamond:

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

Playground Area #4- Swings Area is boundaried by 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, away from traffic and parked cars.

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.

Playhouse: Students are not allowed on the roofs of the playhouse.

Bars:

Only 2-3 children per bar at a time.

Count to 100 rule in effect

BallWall:

Ball games: handball, two touch, etc.

Trees:

Tree climbing is not allowed.

General Rules for Ball Use:

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 - HORSE ONLY DURING PANDEMIC 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

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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 or the ball wall in the swings area.

Kickball games can be played on the field.

No kicking of balls in any other area of blacktop.

Tetherballs: May be used by students 3rd grade and when on playground 1 or 2

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

Climbing walls:

1st-8 th grade students may straddle and sit on top

Hillside:

Students are to use the paths.

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 a 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 the field.