

BUSINESSRecommendations Regarding Playground Equipment

I. PROCEDURE FOR EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS: Local schools may select and place instructional equipment of high-quality on playgrounds if the following steps are taken:

- A. Cooperative planning by a committee including representatives of teachers, principal of the building, parents, and the Facilities department.
- B. Equipment will be installed by the company from which it was purchased.
- C. The Facilities department will be notified when an installation has been scheduled. An on-site safety inspection will be conducted by that office while the equipment is being installed to ensure that the installation is properly done and that the equipment meets safety requirements.
- D. Consideration will be given to the area and contour of the playground. Placement of equipment should not interfere with mass games and free running activities.

II. SELECTION: Only equipment of the highest quality should be considered.

III. INSTRUCTION: Instruction in the proper use of the equipment should be conducted by the physical education and classroom teacher.

IV. NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION: The procedure for designing playgrounds at new school sites will be the same as is used for any other component of the facility.

V. REFERENCE: A resource for either new construction or additions is the National Safety Council's "Safety First Checklist, Site Inspection System for Play Equipment".

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