# **Playground Goals**

- Give students guidelines for safe, happy, and constructive playground behavior.
- Help students get along with each other.
- Help make recess fun for everyone.
- Have consistent expectations for responsible behavior.
- Encourage student responsibility and reduce the need to correct misbehavior.

### **Playground Guidelines**

#### Students will:

- 1. Respect authority and directions of all playground supervisors.
- 2. Show respect to everyone;
  - No name calling, offensive or hurtful things said to others.
  - Respect people's space by keeping hands and feet to self.
- 3. Stay within playground boundaries and away from off limit areas. See map
  - Students must be visible to playground supervisor at all times.
  - Bus lane/road off limits without supervisor's permission.
  - Play games only in designated and approved areas.
- 4. Walk on all blacktop areas unless playing an organized game (Basketball, kickball, etc.)
- 5. Get a pass to leave the playground for health room or bathroom.
- 6. Have all games open for play, no exclusion or reserving equipment.
- 7. Stop playing and walk to designated areas when the bell rings or a whistle is blown.
- 8. HAVE FUN!!!

#### Games not allowed:

- 1. Tag or Tackle Football (may play Fliers Up or catch.)
- 2. Chicken fighting or pushing
- 3. Dodge ball
- 4. Kicking balls on roof
- 5. Sliding or rolling down hill
- 6. Other games unsafe by the playground supervisor

### Consequences

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1<sup>st</sup> offense – One warning or time out 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – "Behavioral Referral" slip to principal
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For physically dangerous behavior, illegal acts or gross subordination supervisors are to send students to the office and fill out an office referral form.

## **Equipment Rules**

#### **Tetherball**

- 1. Do not sit on the ball.
- 2. Do not fling the ball.

#### **Parallel Bars**

- 1. Have hands on the bars.
- 2. Climb down; do not jump off bars.
- 3. Take turns on gymnastic and monkey bars with no more than one student on the equipment at one time. No sitting on top monkey bars.
- 4. Cross in same direction.
- 5. "Penny drops" not allowed (hang by knees on a bar then flip over to the ground).

## Slides/Blue Toy

- 1. One student going down the slide at a time.
- 2. **DOWN ONLY** on the slide.
- 3. Cross in same direction on monkey bars.
- 4. No tag type games on equipment
- 5. Move away from bottom of the slide and get in line when turn is over.

#### Field

#### Students should not:

- 1. Climb or play on bleachers or backstops
- 2. Tease/bother neighborhood animals

## **Supervision Responsibilities**

Para-educators assigned to playground supervision are directly responsible for consequences for behavior. Office intervention should be reserved for physically dangerous behavior, illegal acts, or gross insubordination. Classroom teachers are expected to support the decisions of the playground supervisors, but the playground supervisors and the principal are responsible for consequences

- 1. There will be two or more supervisors on the playground.
- 2. Supervisors will circulate about the playground and avoid standing in one place.
- 3. Supervisors will direct conflicts to conflict managers whenever possible.
- 4. Supervisors will not engage in long conversations with other adults or students.
- 5. Supervisors will avoid playing games with students.
- 6. Supervisors will apply the 3:1 rule. Make 3 positive comments to one reprimand.
- 7. When a student violates a rule the supervisor will give a verbal reprimand first, using a firm but respectful voice. An office referral will be used for physically dangerous, illegal, or insubordinate behavior.
- 8. Supervisor will use the following protocol for consequences:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense Warning or time out
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense "Behavioral Referral" slip to Teacher/Principal
  - Send students directly to the office for discipline for physically dangerous or illegal acts or gross insubordination. An office referral form must be filled out.