

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Because of the inherent danger of physical harm to students while participating on certain fixed (secured) playground equipment, only that type of fixed playground equipment which, when in proper use, permits the child's feet to be kept primarily in contact with the ground, shall be approved. Existing playground equipment not conforming to this policy shall be removed. This policy does not affect the interscholastic athletic program, portable physical education equipment or playground equipment used under supervision and secured after use, or the School for Exceptional Children.

For further clarification, the following examples are included. They are to be considered as illustrations only; in no way are these lists of examples to be considered all-inclusive.

1. Examples of fixed playground equipment excluded from use by this policy would consist of such fixed apparatus as merry-go-rounds, slides, swing sets, gym bars, seesaws, monkey bars, apparatus designed for climbing, etc.
2. Examples of fixed playground equipment not prohibited by this policy consist of such apparatus as fixed basketball goals, fixed tether ball goals, fixed volleyball standards, backstops for softball, etc.

Where the purchasing or installing of fixed playground equipment is questionable, the school principal should submit a written request to the appropriate central office supervisor for final determination.

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