5115 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

The School Board recognizes the need for suitable and safe use of playgrounds as an important part of the physical and social development of students.

1. Use By Students

All elementary students shall be given proper instruction on the safe and appropriate use of playgrounds including apparatus, games, and play areas. The playground shall be accessible to all students. Reasonable adaptations of environment, supervision, program, and/or equipment shall be made to further the accessibility of playgrounds by students with handicaps.

2. Supervision

Adequate playground supervision shall be provided during hours when school is in session.

3. Maintenance

<u>Semi-annual maintenance shall be the responsibility of the School District Physical Plant Department and shall include:</u>

a. An annual major cleaning and replenishment of loose fill materials. b. A semi-annual inspection and repair of all apparatus including nuts, bolts, chains, and all parts that, due to wear or damage, need repair or replacement. c. A semi-annual inspection and repair of all playground areas to ensure level and safe running/play surfaces and the lack of protrusions or bump/fall hazards to include the building, fencing, and playground environment.

d. Inspections

The building principal shall direct appropriate competent staff to inspect and maintain the playground and all apparatus daily for:

- 1. Loose, damaged, or protruding bolts and objects, etc., that may cause cuts/scrapes.
- 2. Glass or debris on surfaces that may cause cuts or falls.
- 3. Foreign objects that may be thrown or cause injury if handled.
- 4. Loose fill materials that have become displaced below playground apparatus, especially at slide discharge sites, below ladders, or under swings.
- 5. Minor safety problems should be repaired immediately, major maintenance or safety problems that must be reported immediately to the Physical Plant Department.

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