

COMMON AREA POLICY #3

Hicks Elementary Playground

Goal:

Students and staff will be aware of and follow playground behavior expectations during recess to promote a safe and respectful learning environment.

DISTRICT GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR RECESS state that students may not go outside when the temperature, wind chill, or heat index are above 95 degrees or below 40 degrees or when the Ozone level is red.

Expectations for Student Behavior:

General Expectations

1. Be respectful and include all children in play. You may not say, "You can't play!"
2. Students may come to a duty teacher with a report to tell of teasing, bullying, harassment, injuries, or illness. Tattling is not acceptable or allowed.
3. Respect other people's personal space. Hands and feet are for playground equipment only.
4. Walk – Talk – Rock! When there is a disagreement, choose to walk away, talk it out, or play rock/paper/scissors for a solution.
5. Whatever the game is, play by the rules and play fair.
6. When you hear TWO whistles, FREEZE and listen for teacher direction.
7. When you hear THREE whistles, it is time to line up at your designated area and prepare to go inside.
8. Students are not to re-enter the building except in the cases of an emergency.
9. Students must respect and take care of the playground equipment and equipment bags and return them to the appropriate place.
10. Students may **never** approach cars or visitors at the fence line.

Playground Equipment – “The Playground”

1. Students go DOWN the slides on their pockets, one at a time. When they are at the bottom, they must get off.
2. Students using the monkey bars must go one at a time and one direction only. Students waiting for a turn, must wait in a line at the bottom. There should be NO children in the area under the monkey bars.
3. Students will swing with their backs to the bricks, on their pockets. There should be no children in the area in front of the swings. Students may not spin, stand on, or jump off the swings.
4. Students must not run on the concrete perimeter. The tall wall on the south side of the playground is off limits entirely.
5. Woodchips and rocks stay on the ground. They are not to be thrown, piled up, kicked, placed on slides, or taken from the playground.
6. All gates, fences, and railings are off limits.
7. Things are not to be thrown into the OLC.
8. Poles around the swings and spiral slide are not to be climbed up or slid down.

Concrete and Field – “The Field”

1. No rolling, running, or sliding down the hill.
2. Students must stay on the grass on the school-side of the gutters (the field). The drains, yellow gate, and fence line are off limits.
3. On days when grass is wet, students must stay on concrete at all times.
4. Students may not engage in football games.
5. Students may only engage in soccer games with an adult referee.
6. Students may not play near the classroom windows.
7. If a ball goes over the fence, students must ask and be given permission to go and get it.