

Playground Rules and Procedures for Students

Gaines Elementary School

The Playground Boundary

- ◆ All students must stay inside the fence and out of the parking areas.
- ◆ Students must not climb over a fence.
- ◆ Students are only allowed outside the boundary if given permission by an adult supervisor.

Basic Rules of Student Conduct

- ◆ **KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF.** This means that you should not push, pull, grab, trip, hit or kick anyone. Playing games where you are grabbing someone or their coat or clothes is not allowed.
- ◆ Say nice things rather than mean things.
- ◆ Talk peaceably rather than arguing with others.
- ◆ Share rather than demand everything for yourself.
- ◆ Include other people in your games rather than telling them they can't play.
- ◆ Say something nice to a person when he/she tries to play a game even though he/she may not be very good at the game yet. They will get better with practice.
- ◆ Treat other people the same way you want to be treated.

Playground Equipment

Slides

- ✓ Sit down on the slide. Do not stand up.
- ✓ Slide down with your feet first.
- ✓ Do not walk up the slide from the bottom.
- ✓ Do not put rocks or wood chips on the slides.
- ✓ Keep your legs and arms inside the slide.
- ✓ Stay inside the slide while going down. Do not jump over the side.
- ✓ Only one person at a time is allowed to slide down.

Swings

- ✓ Sit on the seat.
- ✓ Swing straight ahead. Do not twist.
- ✓ Only one person is allowed in a swing at a time.
- ✓ Do not push someone else. No "underdogs" are allowed.

Ladders and Climbing Bars

- ✓ Never grab someone who is on the bars or rings.
- ✓ Do not stand on top of the high parallel bars.
- ✓ Playing “chicken” on the bars is not allowed.

Playground Balls

- ◆ Do not throw balls against the side of the building.
- ◆ Do not kick balls while you are on the pavement.
- ◆ Bring in any balls that you take outside. If you see other balls lying around without anyone playing with them, please bring those balls in too.
- ◆ Return the balls to the ball racks that are inside the building.
- ◆ Playing football is **NOT** allowed.

Toys

- ◆ Do not bring toys to school.
- ◆ Radios, CD players, and video games are not allowed on the playground.
- ◆ Remote control cars and trucks are not allowed.
- ◆ Hardballs and baseball bats are not allowed on the playground.
- ◆ Stuffed animals and dolls are not allowed on the playground.

Jump Ropes and Hop-Skips

- ◆ Use jump ropes appropriately—for jumping.
- ◆ Do not swing them around with only one end in your hand so that the other end is flying through the air.
- ◆ Do not play tug-of-war.
- ◆ Do not tie up other students or wrap the jump rope around them.
- ◆ All jump ropes, hop-skips, and hoola hoops must remain on the pavement. Do not take them out onto the grass or wood chips.
- ◆ Return jump ropes and hop-skips to the rack inside the building.

Games

- ◆ The general rule is that “anybody can play if he/she wants to play”.
- ◆ When choosing sides, choose one player at a time.
- ◆ Soccer is played with the feet, not the hands. Play by the rules of the game.
- ◆ Soccer games do not include pushing or tripping other players.