

## **SITE PLANS/SCHOOL PLAYGROUND DESIGNATION**

### **PURPOSE:**

This policy has been established to set forth the expectations of the North Kingstown School Committee in regards to the designation of playgrounds space on specified school sites.

### **PHILOSOPHY:**

The School Committee acknowledges its responsibility for establishing a designated space on specified school sites to serve the stipulated purpose of meeting playground and general recreational purposes needs for the students housed within the school building placed upon the site.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of the North Kingstown School Committee that each school building housing students in any arrangement of grades pre-K through 5 shall have a designated playground facility.

A playground facility is defined as an area, on school grounds, which is set aside for the purpose of healthful activity on the part of students during certain times of the school day. These times include, but are not necessarily limited to, recess, lunch break, and the time between bus delivery and the beginning of the school day.

### **POLICY STIPULATION:**

1. Equipment furnished at a school playground shall be approved by the School Committee, and, in addition to meeting all regulations regarding health and safety of students, shall be appropriate to the age/grade levels in the building.
2. The Superintendent of Schools shall evaluate, or cause to be evaluated, all school playgrounds and playground equipment in the district twice a year. Should any playground or playground equipment be deemed deficient in terms of type and quantity of equipment, safety, appropriateness, or general condition, the Superintendent shall develop and implement a plan for addressing said deficiency.
3. Any and all improvements or additions to playgrounds or playground equipment donated by parents or other community groups shall be approved in advance by the School Committee. The Committee will not address such donations unless plans for the proposed donation are submitted well in advance of implementation, with complete and detailed financial accounting. The Committee may request detailed engineering drawings and/or specifications from the donor should a playground project so warrant.
4. Appropriate insurance coverage should be maintained on school playgrounds so as to make them available for reasonable use by the general public outside of school hours, school needs having precedence.

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