

## **Business and Non-Instructional Operations**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ON PLAYGROUNDS**

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In order to ensure the safety and consistency of Fairfield's school playgrounds, the following administrative regulations are established:

- All playgrounds installed on school property must meet all safety, code, and accessibility standards and/or regulations.
- The Superintendent of Schools or a designee must approve the design, materials, components, and installation of any new playground or playground renovation.
- In the interest of safety and reduction of maintenance costs, wooden structures or components will no longer be installed. All new installations and/or replacements of segments must be constructed of plastic or other synthetic materials.
- Prior to the replacement or installation of any playground, written plans shall be provided to the Board's maintenance department for review. At its discretion, the district will provide the assistance of a design professional for the project review.
- Plans will be reviewed for appropriateness of equipment, design of structure, placement on property, and method of installation.
- Once a playground is installed at a school, it becomes the responsibility of the Fairfield Public Schools. The Fairfield Public Schools retains the right to modify, remove, or replace any playground equipment located on school property.

### **The Future of Playgrounds**

- The construction, replacement, or upgrade of elementary school playgrounds will be recommended as part of any of the following elementary school construction projects:
  1. Code compliance projects;
  2. Projects to construct a new or re-opened school;
  3. Projects to update core facilities; or
  4. Projects to expand or update elementary schools.

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- When parent groups desire to “build” or renovate a playground, and the project is approved by a designated administrator, seed money of approximately \$5,000 will be provided. These funds will be used to defray the cost of professional design assistance, ground cover, erosion control, and other materials or services used in the playground installation process.

Additional funds may be provided to schools based on the number of AFDC applicants attending the school as compared to other schools in the district.

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