

ECS Playground Do's and Don'ts

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

The School has established general guidelines to encourage students to be safe, responsible and respectful on the playground, before, during, or after school. Teachers want you to have fun, to be safe and to encourage conflict resolution when needed while growing in Christian character. It is important that students do not try to take care of unsafe situations on their own, but to tell a teacher if they or someone else needs help! These general guidelines include, but are not limited to:

Be Safe: Know and obey School rules

1. Teachers will escort their students, grades 1-5 to and from their scheduled recess. Students are required to walk on the sidewalks when going to and from the playground area; they may also sit at the green tables and be in the courtyard between buildings C and D. They are required to wear shoes at all times. The blacktop 4-square, basketball, and play shed areas in front of building D are available only with pre arranged teacher supervision.
2. During recess, students are not allowed to play in the following restricted areas: the parking lot and road near the C4 classroom, the track and field dirt pit, the athletic shed, and wooded bank area behind building D.
3. No one is permitted to go to the restroom, leave the playground, go to a classroom or to the office without a teacher's permission.
4. Students are prohibited from playing or climbing on the green electrical boxes.
5. Jump ropes are for jumping only.
6. Only one person is to be on a swing at a time. No side to side swinging. Sitting up straight and holding on with both hands encourages safety; any other use is prohibited. There is no twisting, standing on, or jumping off swings. When sitting on the large round swing, the student's legs must be in the "criss-cross applesauce" position.
7. Only one person down the slide at a time in a seated position, feet first. No climbing or hanging on the outside of the slide or ladder.
8. Climb up and across the monkey bars, overhead ladders, and the parallel bars; do not sit or crawl on top.
9. One or two people can play tetherball. Use only hands to hit the ball; the rope should not touch your body.

Be Respectful; Respect others rights, feelings, and property

10. The playground areas between buildings A, B and C are for Kindergarten and Preschool students only.
11. Be kind to one another! Do not be a "bully" by telling others what to do. Do not taunt others by use of body language or threatening words. Keep your hands to yourself. No wrestling, play fighting, play guns, shoving, pushing, pulling, biting, hitting or punching allowed.
12. Respect the "quiet zone" for buildings C and D during school hours. Do not play on the sidewalks or throw a ball in front of classrooms; throw the balls on the grass areas, not on bark or dirt areas. Do not run or play tag games under the tall trees near building D or on the bark areas [this includes any climbing equipment on the bark areas].
13. No spitting on the ground or on the sidewalks. Sidewalks are considered to be the same as indoor hallways or classrooms.
14. Leave flowers, leaves and branches on trees and bushes. Do not pick up or throw branches, pinecones or rocks. Do not dig holes in the playground or grassy areas. Do not throw snowballs without permission.

Be Responsible; Be responsible for your own actions

15. Recess is over when you hear the teacher blow the whistle 3 times. All games need to end and equipment should be put away on shelves or bins in the closet. Remember to pick up your jackets!
16. Students are not allowed to bring toys or personal items from home to school (Exception: show and tell items should remain in your backpack in the classroom).