

POLICY

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The District School Board of Niagara appreciates the efforts of parent/community groups who raise money for special projects such as playspace equipment at schools. Provincial grants do not provide funding for playspace equipment since the Ministry of Education does not include the equipment and related activities as part of the curriculum. With the size and complexity of play structures, parent/community groups must provide funds to cover not only the initial costs, but also the cost of ongoing repair and maintenance.

Safety considerations are paramount when purchasing playspace equipment. Therefore, parent/community groups are expected to act in accordance with the Administrative Procedures of the Board, and in consultation with Facility Services, regarding the purchase, installation and maintenance of playspace equipment, in an attempt to ensure that:

- compliance with the Board Purchasing Policy and the Government of Ontario Broader Public Sector Procurement Directives;
- the installation is conducted by a reputable vendor with known safety practices;
- new playspace equipment meets the current C.S.A. standards;
- the ground surfacing is appropriate and meets current C.S.A. standards;
- the best value is derived for the community fund raising efforts;
- the playspace equipment is appropriately located and correctly installed;
- the total cost of ownership is considered: purchase, installation, certification and maintenance.

Principals are expected to be responsible for the inspection and supervision, during normal school hours, of playspace equipment consistent with the appropriate Administrative Procedures and other relevant Board guidelines, and consistent with the Education Act and Regulations.

References

- ▶ Policy B-1: Purchasing Policy
- ▶ Administrative Procedure 1-5: School Initiated Alteration Projects
- ▶ Administrative Procedure 1-15: Purchase and Installation of New Playspace Equipment and Ground Surfaces
- ▶ Administrative Procedure 1-16: Inspection, Supervision and Operation of Playspace Equipment