



Play Structures

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this procedure is to provide stakeholders with information on maintaining, replacing, installing, and removing play structures.

REFERENCES:

- [Canadian Standards Association - Children's playground equipment and surfacing \(CAN/CSA-Z614-14 \(R2019\)\)](#)
- [Requests for Renovations to School Buildings / Grounds](#) (APF003)

FORMS:

- N/A.

REPORTS:

- N/A.

APPENDICES:

- N/A.

COMMENTS AND GUIDELINES:

- The average life span of a play structure is 20 years
- The average cost of a basic play structure is \$75,000
- The Board reserves the right to remove any play structure that no longer meets CSA standards and or is cost prohibitive to repair. The Board is not responsible for replacing equipment.
- The design of the play structure equipment will be in compliance with play structure standard [CAN/CSA-Z614-14 \(R2019\)](#).



- Donated or used play structure(s)/ equipment cannot be installed on Board property.
- The following shall be adhered to when purchasing any play structure equipment:
 - Maximum fall height of structures is 2 metres.
 - Swings are not to be installed on school property.
 - The school is responsible for the total cost of the new play structure equipment including purchase, installation, cribbing, and site preparation.

School Administrator Pre-Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Administrators must establish a Planning Committee to assist with the design and installation of the play structure. This committee must at minimum include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Administrator - Catholic School Advisory Committee Chair - Construction Coordinator • The School Administrator must follow the requirements within Requests for Renovations to School Buildings / Grounds (APF003) to initiate the installation of a play structure. • The School Administrator must engage with the Manager of Supply and Administrative Services or designate to engage in a process to identify a vendor and design for the new structure
Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A certified vendor endorsed by Facility Services must install all equipment. • The installer is responsible for barricading the site on a daily basis until all of the work is completed. • All play structures must have signage indicating that they are unsupervised outside of school hours. <u>Facility Services will provide signage upon request.</u>
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual play structure inspections will be carried out to ensure play structures meet CSA safety standards. • If a serious problem is identified the equipment shall be removed from service until repairs can be made.

Winter Use of Play Units

- Play structures are to be closed during the winter season.