

DCS Playground Rules and Guidelines
Indoor Day Rules & Guidelines
for parent supervisors
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1. Be sure to sign in at the office 5 minutes before your shift begins. Find a yellow reflective vest to wear stored in the staff room.
2. While outside, it is important to keep the children safe. Sometimes your idea of safe is different than the teacher's. **Always err on the side of caution.** If you see something unsafe, tell the students to stop. If they question your request saying they are allowed by the teachers, stop them anyway. If you have doubts about your call, ask the teacher who is out with you. Most times, you will have it correct.
3. Some students, especially young students, will not follow your directions because you are a stranger. Others won't because you are not a teacher. If a student is not following your directions to stop or is in anyway disrespectful, inform the teacher on duty.
4. Children are encouraged to show respect for one another. When students use inappropriate language, they need to be reminded of the power of their words and other people's feelings. Depending on the circumstances, an apology may be in order or the student may need to be sent to the office. Speak first with the teacher on duty before making a decision to send a child to the office. A student needs to be accompanied by an adult to the office.
5. If there is an injury but the child is mobile take him/her inside. Be sure to notify the teacher on duty. If there is a serious injury, get help. Teachers carry walkie talkies. **If the child is not mobile do not move the student.**
6. Students in grades 7 and 8 are permitted to leave school grounds to retrieve a ball but they must first notify the teacher on duty as well as the office.
7. Students are not permitted to play near the bike racks. This includes sitting on them.
8. Students are not permitted to use skateboards, bikes or scooters. They are also not permitted to use cell phones or any other technological devices.
9. Parent playground supervisors are not to use cell phones during their duty.
10. All students need permission from a supervisor to enter the building to use the washrooms.
11. Generally, supervision is a matter of common sense. Children need to feel safe, accepted and included. Any activity which does not support these attitudes is not welcome.

The following playground rules should be followed:

Children of all ages are encouraged to play together. However, priority is given to the younger grades on the adventure playground, sandbox and swings and priority is given to the older grades on the playing field and the west side hockey area.

- ❖ ***Adventure Playground-*** Consideration must be given to sharing. Students can be asked to leave if misbehaving or intimidating others. Sporting equipment is not permitted on the playground. Children may hang from the zipline and the adjacent blue rings. Climbing on these two structures is discouraged.
- ❖ ***Sand box-*** Students throwing sand lose the privilege of playing in the sandpit for the remainder of playtime.
- ❖ ***Swings-*** Swings are meant for sharing. They should not be flipped over or twisted.
- ❖ ***Playing field-*** Ball games and team games have priority on the playing field. Others must watch out for ongoing games.
- ❖ ***Hockey (west side)-*** No hockey at the south door entrance. Hockey can be played south of the grade 1/2 classroom. Nets must remain outside. Students are to bring their own equipment.
- ❖ ***Fences-*** Students must keep off the fences and away from fences (no pushing against the fences).
- ❖ ***The only ball games allowed at the south entrance are those involving throwing.*** Students playing games there may need reminders to be considerate of others who may need to enter the building.
- ❖ Chestnuts, stones, sand, woodchips in the playground and any other object other than a ball should not be thrown.
- ❖ ***Hydro box, earthquake container, & trash dumpster-*** Playing near or climbing on the containers is not permitted.

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- ❖ There are 3 areas of supervision when indoors: upstairs, downstairs and the gym. One supervisor is required at each of the 3 locations.
- ❖ Students are allowed to play indoor hockey in the hall or classroom with mini sticks and a ball but not with regular hockey sticks. Hockey can be played in the gym if it is available and supervised by a teacher or lunchtime volunteer.
- ❖ Supervisors need to regularly check the washrooms.
- ❖ Students playing ruler hockey must have teacher permission.
- ❖ No running in the hallways.

Thank you for volunteering your time on the playground. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to talk with the teacher on duty.