



TCDSB Policy Register

Playground Equipment B.G.01

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Policy

Every school community will have suitable playground equipment to enhance the learning environment of students.

Regulations:

1. Subject to budgetary consideration, the Board will provide a maximum financial contribution for the installation of playground equipment at every TCDSB elementary school if requested by the school community.
2. The maximum Board financial contribution for playground equipment will be approved by the Board of Trustees and updated as required.
3. The TCDSB Playground Equipment Eligibility Criteria will be approved by the Board of Trustees and updated as required.
4. Individual school eligibility for any Board approved funding allocation for the purchase and installation of playground equipment will follow the ranking established utilizing the TCDSB Playground Equipment Eligibility Criteria.
5. Where playground equipment is being considered by a school community, the school's Superintendent of Education shall make the school community aware of the financial, safety, and social implications of such installation.
6. Elements of diversity, flexibility, child-scale, sensory stimulation, and safety will be included in the schoolyard design.
7. Playground equipment suitable for students with special needs shall be considered when the selection is made.
8. The school community, Principal, Superintendent of Education, and the Executive Superintendent of Planning and Facilities or designate shall collaboratively review the choice of playground equipment to ensure quality, safety, and functional use on site.
9. The Principal will highlight the safety aspects of the playground equipment to the school community on an annual basis.
10. All playground equipment installed on a TCDSB site shall comply with Board specifications and other jurisdictional codes. The Board is responsible for the maintenance and inspection of the equipment and site.
11. All playground equipment purchased with Board funds must comply with the TCDSB approved Procurement Process.
12. The maximum Board financial contribution will be used for playground structures/equipment, installation, and site preparation as required.
13. Individual School Communities are responsible for funding the purchase, installation, and site preparation for playground structures or equipment costing in excess of the maximum Board financial contribution. Such structures or equipment shall comply with Board specifications and other jurisdictional codes, and the purchase must comply with the TCDSB approved Procurement Process.
14. Insurance for public liability will be the responsibility of the TCDSB if the equipment is on TCDSB property.
15. School communities may apply to the Board of Trustees for funding to purchase play structures or equipment that exceeds the maximum Board Financial Contribution if circumstances warrant.
16. Installation of donated playground equipment is the responsibility of the donor. All equipment donated to the Board, if accepted by the Board, shall become the property of TCDSB and must meet Board standards.
17. Where outside agencies such as the City of Toronto have proposed a cost sharing arrangement for the provision and installation of playground equipment, TCDSB shall have regard for City of Toronto criteria in selecting candidate sites for funding under this program.

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