



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Name: School Playground Equipment
Section: Business and Administrative Services

Policy Code: BA-6.3

Established: June 21, 2001

Revised or

Reviewed: September 28, 2006; October 25, 2012; November 23, 2017; May 23, 2023

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Board recognizes the inherent value of physical activity and recognizes that the public and school community are generally supportive of having playground equipment on school property.

2. OBJECTIVE

As a responsible community partner, the Board recognizes the need to promote positive play experiences with a safe environment and its obligation to inspect playground structures to ensure maintenance is managed and to reduce risk of injury.

3. DEFINITIONS

AODA

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

CSA

Canadian Standards Association

Board

The corporate Board which maintains the daily operation of the system; Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board; a reference specifically pertaining to Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board as a legal entity; also referred to as KPR or KPRDSB.

Board of Trustees

The elected governance branch of the Board.

4. APPLICATION

This Board Policy applies to all school sites and all school playground equipment whether provided by the Board as part of a capital project or purchased by a school community and donated to the Board as part of a local school initiative. School playground equipment includes structural equipment used for play.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

5.1 Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for reviewing this policy in accordance with the overall Board priorities and within the approved policy review cycle. Concerns or issues with school playground equipment received by any member of the Board of Trustees will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Family of Schools Superintendent and/or the Executive Officer, Facilities Services.

5.2 Director of Education

The Director of Education shall allocate staff and resources to support this policy and associated administrative regulation.

5.3 Principals

The principal will forward any concerns, hazards or other issues regarding playground equipment to the attention of the Executive Officer, Facilities Services. The principal will share the annual inspection report with the school council.

5.4 Facilities Services

The annual inspections will be provided or coordinated by Facilities Services and will be based on current CSA standards. Directives and/or recommendations from these inspections will be the final authority for local school administration to follow.

6. POLICY

It is the policy of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board that new playground installations and replacement parts comply with current AODA and CSA standards on children's play spaces and equipment. Existing equipment installed prior to these standards shall be maintained and modified as required, or removed, through consultation with the school principal.

The funding of new playground structures, the upgrading of existing structures (new parts), ground cover, and cribbing is the responsibility of school council. School fundraising plans must include a playground maintenance objective to offset the cost of any future repairs.

The Board will endeavour to provide resources for minor maintenance through the inspection services and as determined through the budget processes.

The Board will provide inspection services for this equipment. The annual inspection report will be shared with principals who will review with school councils, recommendations regarding any major repair, deficiencies and possible removal.

7. RELATED POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS OR PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTS

Board Policies:

[B-3.3, Human Rights: Code-Based Discrimination and Harassment](#)

[B-3.4, Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities](#)

[BA-4.7, Fidelity Insurance](#)

[BA-4.8, Fundraising](#)

[ES-1.1, Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools](#)

[HR-4.1, Occupational Health and Safety](#)

Administrative Regulations:

[B-3.3.1, Human Rights: Code-Based Discrimination and Harassment](#)

[B-3.4.1, Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities](#)

[BA-4.8.1, Fundraising Guidelines](#)

[BA-4.8.1, Fundraising Guidelines – Appendix A – School Fundraising Plan](#)

[BA-6.3.1, School Playground Equipment](#)

Procedural Documents (internal):

Playground Support Manual

8. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Legislation:

[Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act](#)