

## Westside Playground Rules and Expectations

### Goals:

Safe and calm play area

Fun time to relax and play

Make friends

Practice social skills and cooperation

### Expected Behaviors for the Playground

- Play only in designated areas
- Show good sportsmanship, share, and take turns
- Include others who wish to play
- Use equipment appropriately for its intended use
- Follow school-established rules of game being played
- Keep wood chips in the enclosed areas
- Follow all directions from supervising adults the first time
- Return all equipment to its correct place
- No pushing, shoving, hitting, or kicking
- Stop play and line up immediately when bell rings

### Expectations for Specific Playground Equipment

#### Slides

- Slide down on your bottom, feet first only
- One kid at a time
- No climbing up the slide
- Move away from the bottom of slide after landing
- No jumping off the top platform
- No pushing or preventing others on the platform

#### Stepping Stones

- One student at a time
- No pushing off kids or playing chicken

### Teeter Totter

- Only one person on each side
- Let your partner know when you are ready to get off

### Bubble Dome

- Stay on the inside. No climbing on the outside.
- Step carefully to avoid others' fingers and toes

### Web Climbers

- Limit of 4 students at the top at one time
- Go only as high as you are comfortable going
- If you get stuck, send someone to teacher on duty for help
- Keep maximum climbers to 8 (2/side)
- No jumping on the web when others are climbing
- Step carefully to avoid others' fingers and toes

### Climbing Rings

- One at a time on each ring
- No pulling kids off rings

### Rock Climbers

- One student climber per colored side at a time

### Specialty Swing

- Use of handicap swing by permission only

### Basketball Courts

- There is a primary and an intermediate court
- Primary Court is for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Intermediate Court is for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- No hanging from the rims or nets and no dunking

### Rope Course w/ Challenge Loops

- Work around each other in a polite way
- Maximum of 5 students on the rope course at a time
- Can choose which direction you want to go

### Merry Spin (a.k.a. Witches Hat) – Intermediate Use Only

- If you can independently reach the ring you can spin. No lifting others up to use it.
- Student friendly pushing to get slight spinning to occur is acceptable
- **Maximum number of students at one time is 4**
- Stand back a minimum of 10 feet from the ring when it is spinning
- Slow down before letting go

### Swings

- Do not jump out of the swing
- Do not push others in a swing
- Do not play in front or behind of the swing
- Do not twirl, run under, or stand in a swing