



YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD POLICY	
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POLICY TITLE: **OUTDOOR ACTIVITY EQUIPMENT**

SECTION A

1. PURPOSE

York Catholic District School Board recognizes that play and physical activity are essential aspects of a student's growth and development. Through play, students will develop physical fitness, motor control and social skills. The purpose of this policy is to support schools with the creation of an environment where each student can develop these skills through the safe use and installation of outdoor activity equipment.

2. OBJECTIVE

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that appropriate outdoor activity equipment supports the physical, as well as the social growth and development of all students by providing opportunities to grow and learn together through supervised play and physical education programs.

3. PARAMETERS

- 3.1 Equipment proposed for installation on York Catholic District School premises, upon approval by the Board, shall become the property of the York Catholic District School Board.
- 3.2 Installation of playground structures shall not commence without prior Board approval.
- 3.3 All outdoor activity equipment shall meet the latest version of CAN/CSA Standard [Z614-07 Children's Playspaces and Equipment](#).
- 3.4 Outdoor activity equipment shall meet barrier-free access requirements appropriate to the equipment being installed.
- 3.5 All outdoor activity equipment shall be installed by qualified manufacturers and installers.

- 3.6 The registered name or manufacturer's trademark, address and the identification number or code of the playground equipment shall be visible on the assembled structure.
- 3.7 A semi-annual inspection of outdoor playground structures shall be coordinated by the Superintendent of Facilities Services and Plant and completed by a qualified contractor in accordance with CAN/CSA Standard Z614-07.
- 3.8 The cost of any upkeep or the removal of any outdoor activity equipment shall be incurred by the school.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Director of Education

- 4.1.1 To oversee compliance of the Outdoor Activity Equipment Policy.

4.2 Superintendent of Facilities Services and Plant

- 4.2.1 To ensure compliance with the Outdoor Activity Equipment Policy.

4.3 Superintendents of Education: School Leadership

- 4.3.1 To support the implementation and compliance of the Outdoor Activity Equipment policy and relevant guidelines and procedures.
- 4.3.2 To review, on an annual basis, the Outdoor Activity Equipment policy, relevant guidelines and procedures with Principals.

4.4 Principals

- 4.4.1 To communicate with the appropriate School Superintendent when considering the purchase and installation of outdoor playground structures.
- 4.4.2 To receive approval from the Superintendent of Facilities Services and Plant for the purchase and installation of any/all outdoor playground structures.

5. DEFINITIONS

5.1 Outdoor Activity Equipment

Outdoor equipment includes all outdoor structures such as basketball standards, soccer/football posts, tetherball posts, track and field facilities and playground equipment.

5.2 Outdoor Playground Structure

A free standing structure, that is for use in school playgrounds, with one or more components and their supporting members anchored to the ground, or having natural stability, and not intended to be moved.

6. CROSS REFERENCES

CAN/CSA Standard [Z614-07 Children's Playspaces and Equipment](#).

YCDSB Procedure [Outdoor Activity Equipment](#)
Procedures School Enhancement Request

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