

Casas Christian School Playground Rules 2008-2009

These rules have been developed to help insure the safety of the children at CCS. We are trying to instill self-discipline and responsibility in our students by making them accountable for their actions. These rules may not include everything that could come up relative to student safety or conduct, so they should not be interpreted in that way. Playground staff will make the final decision regarding any questionable activities not mentioned in this document. These playground rules apply to ALL recess times and Extended Care hours.

1. Students need to use self-control while playing, and line up immediately when the whistle is blown by a teacher/supervisor.
2. Everyone is expected to show courtesy and respect to others and their property at all times. Students need to refer to others by the name they wish to be called and be honest and trustworthy.
3. Harassment of any type (bullying, threatening, name-calling, derogatory comments, unnecessary or offensive touching) will not be tolerated. Anyone who exhibits these behaviors should be reported to an adult.
4. Any toy brought from home is the child's responsibility. If it creates a problem, the toy will be put away or held by the teacher until the end of the day. Any type of toy that would be dangerous in our playground area will be confiscated. Toys or items that are not appropriate for our playground include, but are not limited to, Barbie & Ken dolls, American Girl dolls, action figures with "evil" powers, any type of play or real weapon, nail polish and make-up (K-5), hand-held computer equipment, Harry Potter items, radios, iPods, and/or CD players. *Toys or balls should not be brought out to the playground at lunch time.*
5. Any type of aggressive activity or game involving fighting, hitting, pushing, tackling, wrestling, kicking others, tripping, war-type games or play fighting, throwing balls or objects at others will not be allowed (with the exception of play within a game). Students must use a foam ball when playing any form of ball tag. Ball tag is not permitted on the climbing equipment.
6. Games such as soccer, kickball, basketball, etc. are to be played according to the traditional rules of that particular game. Running through or disrupting games are not allowed. Games must not be played with unnecessary roughness or tackling. All students will treat one another fairly and appropriately and will accept the decisions of the supervisors.
7. Jumping off of or playing tag on the equipment is not permitted. Students should not play tag under the ramada. Students may not push or pull others while on equipment. Students may not stand on, run across, or jump off the tables.
8. Swings:
 - Running through or playing near moving swings is not permitted.
 - Only one person is allowed on a swing at a time, and he or she must be properly seated.
 - Jumping off swings and swinging side to side is not allowed.
 - Do not twist the swing chains.
 - Do not "save" swings for friends.
 - No "cherry drops" or "underdogs" or hanging from swing chains.
 - No one is allowed to climb up the swing set legs.
9. Students should not swing the hanging rings around the top bar. Rings are to stay in lowered, hanging position.
10. Slides:
 - Students may not walk, run, jump off, or climb up the slides.
 - Only one student at a time may be in the tube slide. Students may not hide in the tube.

11. Fireman Pole:
 - Do not hang upside down on the top support bar.
 - Only two children at a time on the sidebars.
 - Do not jump off of the higher platform.
 - Student's hands and feet are to be on the pole while sliding down.

12. Red Jungle Gym:
 - Do not hang upside down on the two highest horizontal bars.
 - Do not sit for long periods of time on top of the ladder.
 - Student's hands and feet are to be on the fireman's pole while sliding down.
 - No standing or walking on top of bars.

13. Wallcano
 - *Only 4 students may be on the top platform at one time.
 - *Students may not jump off the top or sides of the wallcano.

14. The playground equipment in the small playground is for Kindergarten and 1st Grade use ONLY.

15. No one is allowed outside the fenced area without permission. If a ball goes over a fence, one child may retrieve the ball with the supervisor's permission and observation. Students may not climb or jump over fences.

16. Students are to get permission to leave the playground to use the bathroom. They will be sent in pairs; during Extended Care a staff person must accompany the student. *(Remember: A teacher or staff person must be aware of students' whereabouts and lengths of time absent from the playground.)*

17. No glass containers are to be brought to school.

18. Animals may not be brought to the playground.

19. Any child who is eating within the playground area must be seated (to avoid choking) at a picnic table and must properly dispose of any trash.

20. The ramada misters may be turned on by CCS personnel only; students may not turn on the misters.

21. Be cautious near the water fountain; check for bees, and do not leave the water fountain running. Water fights or digging near the water fountain are not permitted.

My child and I have discussed these playground rules. My child agrees to follow them.

*Please return this form to your child's teacher.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Teacher's Signature

Date