

<b>FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>9000</b>
<b>PLAYGROUND STRUCTURES POLICY</b>	<b>9030</b>

1. Rationale

Lakehead District School Board recognizes the need to promote positive play experiences within a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

2. Policy

It is the policy of Lakehead District School Board to support the practice of school communities forming parent committees to raise funds for the purpose of providing and installing approved playground structures.

3. Guidelines

3.1 Standards

All playground structures must conform to the standards from the Canadian Standards Association's Children's Playspaces (CSA) in effect at time of approval. This includes purchase, installation and ongoing inspections and maintenance. Application of this policy will align with 8012 Fundraising in the Schools Policy and 3100 Accessibility Policy.

3.2 Ownership

All donated and/or purchased structures shall become the property of the Board who will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the structure.

3.3 Responsibility

3.3.1 Parent committees are responsible for all costs associated with selection, purchase, site preparation materials, and manufacturer's final inspection.

3.3.2 School principals are responsible for the day-to-day safety of playground structures and the assignment of adequate supervision during school hours.

3.3.3 Plant maintenance department is responsible for final approval of the design, construction, location, and the annual inspections. Installation of play structures may be by Board maintenance employees.

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4. Extenuating Circumstances

Where circumstances arise which may require action in the best interest of a school community, the board may, at its own discretion, share part or all of the cost of new or replacement play equipment.

5. Review

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with 2010 Policy Development and Review Policy.

<u>Cross Reference</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Legal Reference</u>
"Children's Playspaces and Equipment", CAN/CSA-Z614 - National Standard of Canada	September 15, 1994	"Children's Playspaces and Equipment", CAN/CSA-Z614 - National Standard of Canada
Occupiers' Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.2	<u>Date Revised</u>	Occupiers' Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.2
8012 Fundraising in the Schools Policy	April 24, 2001 February 21, 2006 June 28, 2011 April 26, 2016 May 28, 2024	
3100 Accessibility Policy		