

# **Playground Rules and Procedures for Students**

## **Gaines Elementary School**

### **The Playground Boundary**

- ◆ All students must stay inside the fence and out of the parking areas.
- ◆ Students must not climb over a fence.
- ◆ Students are only allowed outside the boundary if given permission by an adult supervisor who will watch them as they go past the boundary.
- ◆ The white lines on the driveway near the ball diamond are an “imaginary fence”. Students must not cross the line without permission from a supervisor.

### **Basic Rules of Student Conduct**

- ◆ **KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF.** This means that students should not push, pull, grab, trip, hit or kick anyone. Playing games in which students are grabbing someone or their coat or clothes is not allowed.
- ◆ Students should say nice things rather than mean things.
- ◆ Students should talk peaceably rather than arguing with others.
- ◆ Students should share rather than demand everything for themselves.
- ◆ Students should include other people in their games rather than telling them they can't play.
- ◆ Students should say something nice to a person when he/she tries to play a game even though he/she may not be very good at the game yet. They will get better with practice.
- ◆ Students should treat other people the same way they want to be treated.

### **Playground Equipment**

#### **Slides**

- ✓ Sit down on the slide. Do not stand up.
- ✓ Slide down with your feet first.
- ✓ Do not walk up the slide from the bottom.
- ✓ Do not put rocks or wood chips on the slides.
- ✓ Keep legs and arms inside the slide.
- ✓ Stay inside the slide while going down. Do not jump over the side.
- ✓ Only one person at a time is allowed to slide down.

#### **Swings**

- ✓ Sit on the seat.

- ✓ Swing straight ahead. Do not twist.
- ✓ Only one person is allowed in a swing at a time.
- ✓ Do not push someone else. No “underdogs” are allowed.

### **Ladders and Climbing Bars**

- ✓ Never grab someone who is on the bars or rings.
- ✓ Do not stand on top of the high parallel bars.
- ✓ Playing “chicken” on the bars is not allowed.

### **Merry-Go-Round**

- ✓ There should be no more than 15 students on the merry-go-round at one time.
- ✓ While sitting or standing on the merry-go-round, do not push or pull on other students.
- ✓ Hang onto the bars while the merry-go-round is moving.
- ✓ Do not drag feet, arms or bodies.
- ✓ Keep body parts inside the merry-go-round while it is moving.

### **Playground Balls**

- ◆ Do not throw balls against the side of the building.
- ◆ Do not kick balls while on the pavement.
- ◆ Throw footballs only while on the playing field, not on the pavement.
- ◆ Bring in any balls that are taken outside. If other balls are lying around without anyone playing with them, students should bring those balls in also.
- ◆ Return the balls to the play equipment rack or plastic container by the door at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade end.

### **Toys**

- ◆ Do not bring toys to school.
- ◆ Radios, CD players, and video games are not allowed on the playground.
- ◆ Remote control cars and trucks are not allowed.
- ◆ Hardballs and baseball bats are not allowed on the playground.
- ◆ Stuffed animals and dolls are not allowed on the playground.

### **Jump Ropes and Hop-Skips**

- ◆ Use jump ropes appropriately—for jumping.
- ◆ Do not swing them around with only one end in your hand so that the other end is flying through the air.
- ◆ Do not play tug-of-war.

- ◆ Do not tie up other students or wrap the jump rope around them.
- ◆ All jump ropes, hop-skips, and hoola hoops must remain on the pavement. Do not take them out onto the grass or wood chips.
- ◆ Return jump ropes and hop-skips to the rack inside the building.

### **Games**

- ◆ The general rule is that “anybody can play if he/she wants to play”.
- ◆ When choosing sides, choose one player at a time.
- ◆ Only touch football is allowed. When playing touch football, pushing someone down is not allowed.
- ◆ Soccer is played with the feet, not the hands. Play by the rules of the game.
- ◆ Soccer games do not include pushing or tripping other players.

### **When the bell rings, stop playing immediately.**

- ◆ Stop when the bell rings, don't wait for an adult supervisor to tell you to do so.
- ◆ Stop what you are doing and walk toward the building.
- ◆ Bring any unused balls, jump ropes, hoola hoops, etc. into the building when you come.