


Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board



Section: Trustees

POLICY B:09
PLAYGROUNDS/PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT

NUMBER:	B: 09
EFFECTIVE:	February 26, 2013
AMENDED:	
RELATED POLICIES:	See References
REPEALS:	
REVIEW DATE:	2016-2017

1.0 OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 To recognize the need to promote positive play experiences within a safe school environment as per the requirements of current legislation, and to incorporate sound risk management practices, which include consideration for the recommendations of the Board’s insurer.

2.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 “Playground equipment” for the purpose of this policy, shall include all school playground equipment, whether provided by the Board or acquired through fundraising activities and/or donation to the Board.

3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- 3.1 Students using playground equipment are owed a “Duty of Care”. The Board expects that a reasonable standard of safety and care will be provided, facilitated by Board procedures that will address inspection, compliance with standards as required, maintenance, record keeping, supervision, and staff/ student instruction.

4.0 SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES:

- 4.1 Administration shall develop procedures to comply with the objective and guiding principles of this policy.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITY:

- 5.1 It is the responsibility of the Senior Manager, Facilities Services Department to administer and monitor this policy.
- 5.2 It is the responsibility of a principal to implement this policy in his or her school.

6.0 REVIEW AND EVALUATION:

- 6.1 This effectiveness of this policy shall be assessed through trustee, staff, and community satisfaction measures.
- 6.2 This policy will be reviewed in the 2016-2017 policy review cycle.

7.0 REFERENCES:

Education Act

The Canadian Standards Association's (CSA) Children's Play Spaces and Equipment

The Ontario School Boards Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) Risk Management Advisories

Other related policies of the Board which support this policy are:

Pr B:09 Playground/Playground Equipment Procedures

A:21 Child Care/PrA:21 Child Care Procedures

SC: 02 Fundraising

F:01/Pr F:01 Donations/Sponsorships/Partnerships