

**ELSMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

<p><b><u>SLIDING</u></b> Double Slide Jungle Gym Poles Play House Pole Spiral Slide Tunnel Slide Wave Slide</p>	<p><b><u>SLIDING</u></b> 1. Slide only one person at a time in a sitting position, face forward 2. Keep both feet inside the side rails 3. Make certain the landing area is clear. 4. Use both hands to maintain position and control speed. 5. Hiding inside, looking up the open end and climbing on top of the tunnel slide are not permitted. 6. Climbing up any slide is not permitted. 7. Flips or spins over the yellow safety bar (in front of the double yellow slide) are not allowed. 8. Climbing up the sliding poles IS allowed. <i>(Check to make sure no one is coming down the pole.)</i> 9. Climbing up the basketball support poles is not permitted.</p>
<p><b><u>HANGING</u></b> Glide Ride Hanging Rings Jungle Gym Magic Carpet Monkey Bars Pull-up Bars Sky Walker</p>	<p><b><u>HANGING</u></b> 1. Keep your swing to a minimum. Keep your feet directly under you at all times. 2. Always use both hands and a “wrap around” grip when traveling. Maintain a grip with one hand while reaching with the other. 3. Make certain the landing area is clear before a dismount. 4. Keep your hands to yourself. Do not interfere with others. 5. “Gladiator”, “tangle” or any other activity that causes loss of control or grip on any piece of equipment is not permitted. 6. Standing, sitting or kneeling on any piece of hanging or climbing equipment is not allowed. <i>Except the magic carpet (when climbing over the top) and the pull-up bars (when preparing for an inverted hang).</i></p>
<p><b><u>SWINGS</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>SWINGS</u></b> 1. Sitting only 2. No one on woodchips except those who are on swings (no pushing except by adults) 3. Stop completely before getting off swing (no jumping off) 4. One person per swing 5. Keep hands on chains when swinging 6. Swing straight only – no spinning or side to side 7. No climbing poles 8. Swing at a safe height - not too high 9. Do not flip swing over the top</p>
<p><b><u>TIRE SWING</u></b> Tire Swing</p>	<p><b><u>TIRE SWING</u></b> 1. Three riders at maximum are permitted on the tire swing at a time. 2. Riders must be in a sitting position with feet inside the tire. 3. Only one tire swing pusher is allowed. 4. Pushers may not be more than one grade level difference than riders. 5. “Wall bangers” are not allowed. 6. Always keep a safe distance from the swing radius of the tire. 7. Children waiting for a turn on the tire swing must do so from a distance greater than the swing radius of the tire.</p>

<p><b><u>CLIMBING</u></b>  Cargo Net  Clatter Bridge  Hanging Rings  Jungle Gym  Monkey Bars</p>	<p><b><u>CLIMBING</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Standing, sitting or kneeling on any piece of climbing or hanging equipment is not allowed. <i>Except the magic carpet (when climbing over the top) and the pull-up bars (when preparing for an inverted hang).</i></li> <li>2. Always use both hands and a “wrap around” grip when climbing. Maintain a grip with one hand while reaching with the other.</li> <li>3. Keep your hands to yourself. Do not interfere with others.</li> <li>4. Never put your fingers inside any chain links.</li> <li>5. Climbing above the deck level of the play house is not allowed.</li> <li>6. Leaping from one play house to another is not allowed.</li> <li>7. Climbing on the outside of the tunnel slide is not allowed.</li> <li>8. Climbing on the roof of the tunnel bridge is not permitted.</li> <li>9. Make certain the landing area is clear before a dismount.</li> <li>10. Always bend both knees upon landing to absorb impact.</li> <li>11. Diving from retaining walls or other structures to any piece of equipment is not allowed.</li> </ol>
<p><b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>  Ground Cover (Mulch)  Litter  Picnic Tables  Project Adventure Poles  Snow  Tetherball Poles  Trees  Boundaries</p>	<p><b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climbing on any Project Adventure poles or equipment is not allowed.</li> <li>2. Climbing up the tetherball poles is not allowed.</li> <li>3. Swinging on the tetherball ropes or sitting on the tetherballs is not permitted.</li> <li>4. Throwing mulch, stones, or snowballs is not permitted.</li> <li>5. Tree climbing is not permitted.</li> <li>6. Games of tag or “chase” are not permitted in the equipment area of the playground.</li> <li>7. Please make sure litter is disposed of in the proper container.</li> <li>8. Remain within playground boundaries, not in woods or on driveway leading to blacktop</li> </ol>