



ECS Playground Expectations

To promote a safe, respectful, and responsible playground environment, ECS has established the following expectations for all students before, during, and after school. While on the playground, students are encouraged to have fun, practice positive conflict resolution, and demonstrate Christian character in their interactions with others.

Be Safe

1. Teachers will escort students in grades 1–5 to and from scheduled recess periods. Students must walk on designated sidewalks and wear shoes with secure backs at all times.
2. Students must remain within approved playground areas and may not enter the parking lot, the road near the C4 classroom, the track and field dirt pit, the athletic shed area, or the wooded bank.
3. Students may not leave the playground, visit the restroom, return to a classroom, or go to the office without permission from a supervising teacher.
4. Climbing, sitting, or playing on the green electrical boxes is prohibited.
5. Jump ropes are to be used only for their intended purpose.
6. Only one student may use a swing at a time. Side-to-side swinging, twisting, standing on swings, or jumping from swings is not permitted. Students using the large round swing must sit with their legs crossed.
7. Students must use slides one at a time, seated and feet first. Climbing or hanging on the outside of slides or ladders is not allowed.
8. Monkey bars, overhead ladders, and parallel bars must be used appropriately by climbing across them. Sitting or crawling on top of these structures is prohibited.
9. Tetherball is limited to one or two participants at a time. Students may strike the ball only with their hands and must avoid contact with the rope.
10. Climbing trees is not permitted.

Be Respectful

11. The playground areas located between Buildings A, B, and C are reserved exclusively for Kindergarten and Preschool students.
12. Students are expected to treat others with kindness and respect. Teasing, threatening behavior, physical aggression, roughhousing, play fighting, pretend weapons, pushing, pulling, biting, hitting, or punching are not allowed.
13. Students must respect designated quiet zones near Building C and during school hours. Playing on sidewalks or throwing balls near classrooms is prohibited. Running on sidewalks is not permitted.
14. Spitting on playground surfaces or sidewalks is not allowed. Sidewalks should be treated with the same respect as indoor hallways and classrooms.
15. Students should respect the natural environment by leaving flowers, leaves, branches, and other natural materials undisturbed. Throwing branches, pinecones, rocks, or snowballs (without permission) and digging holes are prohibited.

Be Responsible

16. Recess concludes when a teacher blows the whistle three times. At that time, students are expected to stop all activities, return equipment to its designated storage area, and collect their personal belongings.
17. Toys and other personal items from home may not be brought to recess unless specifically authorized by school staff.