# **Playground Guidelines for Students**

## Recess Philosophy - Play safe, always!

#### Specifics:

- **NBC**: No Body Contact.
- Stay visible: Make sure supervisors can see you at all times.
- Invite others to join you.
- **Think win-win** for a minor disagreement. You could also use "Rock, Paper, Scissors". Have the teacher set up game rules or teams prior to recess. Walk away and play somewhere else.
- **Talk to a supervisor** if there is a disagreement or conflict that can't be resolved. Supervisors can be found circulating in each area wearing bright safety vests.

#### Where can I play?

Division 1 (ECS, grades 1-3):

- West side of the School and asphalt area South of the portables
- Boundaries: trees on the West side, soccer goals on the edge of the playground

#### Division 2 (grades 4-6):

- East side of the school and the basketball court
- Boundaries: roadways (ask permission to get a ball goes that went over the fence), soccer goals on the edge of the playground

All Grades (shared area):

- Swings and sand area
- Green space between the swings and Div. 2 play structure

At any time supervisors may use their discretion to limit areas of play for safety reasons.

#### Who can I play with?

Students can play with students from their division as long as physical safety is not an issue (ie: students may play in the sand together, swing together, toss a ball, enjoy the play structures together, hang out, etc). When an organized game (like tag or soccer) starts, the supervisor may divide students by grade if they feel it is necessary for student safety (age/size or number of students).

### What equipment can I play with?

Students can play with any equipment in the breezeway totes, or stored in their classrooms. To refresh/replace broken or lost equipment, students must ask their teacher. We would ask students not bring equipment from home without previous permission from their teacher who will inform other staff members.

Tag (including Grounders) is not allowed on the playground structures (or sanded areas in Div 1).

Baseball for Div 2 is allowed with pre-arranged close proximity supervision, and back catchers must wear a mask. Baseball bats are not allowed unless close proximity supervision is provided. Bats are stored away from the classroom/breezeway totes.

