

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS AND OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

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9210

The board strives to make the physical grounds at each school campus a part of a safe, orderly and inviting educational environment. To further this goal, the principal will seek opportunities to involve staff, parents and students at that school in the decisions related to the school grounds and will make reasonable efforts to maintain the grounds and outdoor equipment in a manner consistent with board goals.

The Board recognizes that chromated copper arsenate-treated wood (“arsenate-treated wood”) has been found to pose health hazards to students and has been removed from the marketplace for residential uses. Thus, the Board prohibits the purchase or acceptance of arsenate-treated wood for future use on school grounds. To the extent possible, the principal or his/her designee will ensure that existing arsenate-treated wood in playground equipment is sealed.

The principal will inspect playgrounds and outdoor equipment for health and safety hazards on a monthly basis and as required by law. The principal will notify the superintendent immediately of repairs needed to meet safety standards and will close such outdoor areas if necessary until repairs are made.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47, -524

Cross References: Student Safety (policy 1510/4200)

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