



Playground Expectations and Procedures

Use of space:

- Students must be within sight at all times. If you can't see a teacher, they can't see you.
- Students should not go behind the gym, past the post on the side of the school or down by the lower field unless students are given permission.

Use of Equipment:

- Climb up to slide using ladders only. No climbing up the outside of the slide.
- Only one person sliding at a time.
- Slide down feet first only.
- No standing on top of the horizontal ladder (monkey bars). Crawling across or sitting on top of the bars is ok.
- Do not grab others who are climbing on the bars.
- Count to 60 when waiting your turn.

Use of small equipment:

- Recess will be in the gym and covered area. Refer to the rainy day schedule.
- No kicking of balls allowed either in the gym or under the covered area.
- The gym will be used for ball play.
- No running in the breezeway.

Rainy days:

- When the playground is wet, students should play on the blacktop only. Staff will decide which playground equipment will be used, and whether students can go in the field or on the bark chips.
- Students should stay out of the puddles.
- Balls and other equipment should be kept out of the puddles.
- Students should stay under the breezeway when moving from the gym to and from class.

Playground Guidelines

- ALWAYS act with safety in mind.
- Show respect for students, adults and property.
- Remain on the school grounds unless you have permission to leave.
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Umbrellas are not allowed on the playground.
- Playground supervisors (recess aides/teachers) are in charge of all playground activities. Report all injuries or problems to the recess teachers.

- Use all equipment for its intended use.
 - Woodchips need to remain in the areas they are located.
 - Playground structures are no places for playing chase, tag, games, utilizing balls, jump ropes or other equipment.
 - Jumping from the top of play structures is not allowed.
 - Climbing on backstops, basketball posts, trees and fences is not permitted.
- Playground equipment should be returned to the proper place.
- Students should alert a recess teacher when balls or other equipment go over the fence or out of bounds. *Only an adult may retrieve items off of the school campus.*
 - Out of bounds areas:
 - Parking lot, roofs, planted areas and muddy fields.
 - Classrooms (unless supervised by teacher), hallways (except when traveling)
- Climbing on backstops, basketball posts, trees and fences is not permitted.
- Only courtyard restrooms may be used during recess.
- If you have permission to go to the library for recess you must remain in the library until recess is over.
- When the whistle is sounded, students must stop playing, pick up and put away any equipment and line up for class in designated areas.

Bethany Bobcat **PAWS** Guidelines (for all games and equipment):

1. **Practice kindness**-*invite others, teach someone a game*
2. **Act responsibly**-*put equipment away, use equipment safely*
3. **Welcome challenges**-*establish rules prior to game, try new activities*
4. **Show respect**-*respond positively to adults, honor boundaries*

Follow Bethany Charter School's **PAWS**

- ALL disagreements are to be settled by the individuals playing the game or using the equipment
- Use your problem solving skills
- If players cannot settle a disagreement they must find something else to do until they can work it out
- Individuals continuing to have difficulties will lose the privilege to play that game or use of the that equipment
- Fighting will result in the loss of recess and/or referral and/or suspension