

## **Policy Code: 9210 Care and Maintenance of Grounds and Outdoor Equipment**

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 decisions related to school grounds and will make reasonable efforts to maintain 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 district Safety Officer will ensure that existing arsenate-treated wood in playground equipment is sealed.

The Safety Officer will periodically inspect playgrounds and outdoor equipment for health and safety hazards as required by law. It remains the responsibility of the principal to ensure daily adherence to safety standards. The principal or district Safety Officer will notify the superintendent or designee immediately of repairs needed to meet safety standards. The maintenance department will give highest priority to safety repairs.

Maintenance department staff will perform annual inspections of playgrounds. Inspections will focus on the proper operation of equipment and adequacy of ground covering material. Required corrective work will receive priority.

The maintenance department will make reasonable efforts to provide assistance to staff, parents, and students engaged in the improvement of grounds, facilities and outdoor equipment.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-36](#), [-46](#), [-524](#)

Cross References: Student Safety (policy 1510/4200); Parent Organizations (policy 5010); Gifts and Bequests (policy 8220)

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