

Red Clay Consolidated School District
Weekly Playground Safety Checklist

School: _____

Surfacing

- _____ Equipment has adequate protective surfacing under and around it (8" – 12").
Also, the surfacing materials have not deteriorated.
- _____ Loose-fill surfacing materials have no foreign objects or debris.
- _____ Loose-fill surfacing materials are not compacted and do not have reduced depth in heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.

General Hazards

- _____ There are no sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment.
- _____ There are no missing or no damaged protective caps or plugs.
- _____ There are no hazardous protrusions and projections.
- _____ There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as S-hooks or protruding bolts.
- _____ There are no pinch, crush, and shearing points or exposed moving parts.
- _____ There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings or anchoring devices and rocks, roots, or any other environmental obstacles in the play area.
- _____ The entire playground is free of miscellaneous debris or litter such as tree branches, soda cans, bottles, glass, etc.

Deterioration of the Equipment

- _____ The equipment has no rust, cracks or splinters, especially where it comes in contact with the ground.
- _____ There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g., handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps or rungs on ladders) and there are no damaged fences, benches, or signs on the playground.
- _____ All equipment is securely anchored.

Security of Hardware

- _____ There are no loose fastening devices or worn connections, such as chains or S- hooks.
- _____ Moving components, such as swing hangers are not worn.

Drainage

- _____ The entire play area has satisfactory drainage, especially in heavy use areas such as under swings and at slide exits.

I certify that at the time of the inspection the playground equipment is in satisfactory condition.

Signature: _____ Date and Time: _____