
OPTION 2--OUTDOOR PLAY AREA

STUDENT

Name _____ Hour _____

OUTDOOR PLAY AREA OBSERVATION SHEET

Date _____ Time _____

Area observed _____

For each of the following guidelines, evaluate this playground and make comments identifying how things are correct, or suggestions as to how they could be improved.

1. Equipment must be clean and maintained.
2. Equipment should be age appropriate and an appropriate height for the children.
3. Non-movable equipment should be fastened permanently to the ground.
4. The sandbox should be in the shade. It should also have a cover that is used when the children are not present to prevent cats from using it as a litter box.
5. Shade should be available for the children.
6. There should be a variety of equipment that provides for different types of play and muscle development.
7. Traffic patterns should be well-planned to avoid collisions.
8. There should not be standing water anywhere on the play area.

9. Children must have enough space to run around without bumping into each other or equipment.

10. Resilient materials should be used under climbing equipment.

11. Children with disabilities should be able to use most areas of the play area.

12. The play area should be fenced with at least a five foot fence.

13. An adult must be present whenever children are in the play yard.

14. Safety rules should be established and followed by staff and children. List the safety rules for this play area.