

STONEGATE ELEMENTARY HAWKS



Playground Handbook 2015-2016

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General Rules

- Respect school property and private property.
- Use equipment appropriately and safely.
- Leave all toys, games, balls, and personal items at home.
- Students will use appropriate language at all times.
- Hitting, kicking, wrestling, play fighting, and unsafe play are not allowed.
- Students must stay inside the blue and white lines.
- Students must have a **Building Pass** to be in the building before school, during recess or during lunch periods.
- No one can be excluded from any game unless permission has been granted by the adults on the yard.
- Positive comments only.
- Chase or tag games are only allowed on the grass.
- Students are expected to walk on the blacktop.
- No playing around the portables, classroom doors, or windows.
- No climbing on fences, trees/shrubs, or dirt.
- All food must be eaten at the tables only.
- Students must remain at the lunch tables until they are dismissed.
- Stop all play and hold equipment at the freeze bell.
- Return all equipment to the cart.
- Follow Stonegate game rules only.

Stonegate Elementary School is committed to maintaining a learning environment free from harassment, intimidation or insult, student-to-student or adult-to-student, on the the basis of an individual's actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression. Report any misconduct to your teacher, or principal.

Play Structure

- **ONLY flipping on pull-up bars.**
- Keep at least one hand on bar at all times.
- One person on the monkey bars at a time. Go one direction at a time only.
- Go **DOWN** the slide facing forward on your bottom only.
- Only one person on the slide at a time.

DO NOT...

- ...jump off any bars.
- ...play tag games
- ...climb, sit, or stand on top of bars or jungle gym.

Swings

- One person at a time allowed on swing.
- Waiting person must count:
 - 30 (primary)
 - 60 (upper)
 - 1 forward and 1 back equals 1 count
- Swing on your bottom only facing the playground.
- Wait on the outside of the red line.

DO NOT...

- ...count back! You must go to a different swing after counted on.
- ...twist, jump from, run under, or stand on swings.
- ...sit on swings when students want to swing.
- ...stand beside or behind swings when in use.
- ...climb on swing poles.
- ...hold hands with anyone while swinging.

Four Square

- Use Stonegate rules only.
- Ball must bounce before person plays it.
- There are no teams.
- If there is interference from outside, re-serve game.
- Ball must be hit with hands. You can use one or both hands.
- When in doubt, ALL players vote.
- Play starts with a serve from the corner of "A" square.
- Body hits are out.

DO NOT...

- ...do overhead slams.
- ...hold the ball.
- ...hit hard corner shots.
- ...do double or multiple hits.
- ...kick the ball when out.

Soccer & Football Fields

- Use Stonegate rules only.
- Teams must be evenly divided (i.e. 5-5; 10-10; etc)
- Use “two-hand touch” or flag-pull only.
- Only ONE (1) goalie. If anyone else picks up the ball, they’ll be asked to leave the game. (Tell a Campus Supervisor.)
- Stop play if someone is injured – resume play with throw in.
- Tackling will result in immediate loss of play privileges.
- Stay off soccer field if not playing in game.

DO NOT...

- ...tackle, slide tackle, or trip other players.
- ...climb on soccer nets or poles.
- ...use hands while playing soccer.
- ...play a “free for all” game of any kind.

Tetherball

- Players choose which ½ of the court is their half.
- Players may only stay within their boundaries, or they are out.
- As long as the ball is on your side, you can hit it.
- Server decides which direction to start play.
- Play hard. (No “easies”).
- If you hit someone on purpose or argue with server, you’re out and must go to end of line.
- When in doubt, ALL players vote.
- Three (3) wins – then out.
- Game over when person hits ball until rope is gone.

DO NOT...

- ...touch rope or push up rope on pole at any time.
- ...hold the ball after serve or rope throws.
- ...do a volleyball tap or set the ball up to yourself.
- ...hold ball unless serving.
- ...hang or sit on tetherball, or climb on pole.
- ...cut or save places in line.
- ...do “ropies”.

Basketball

- In order to play FULL court, you need a minimum of 10 players.
- **Maximum of 16 players** becomes a closed game.
- If less than 8 players, you share HALF court. (maximum 10)
- Each half-court may have a maximum of 2 basketballs.
- Offense calls fouls. If foul occurs while shot is being made, fouled team takes it out. All other fouls, the opposite team takes ball out of bounds.
- Charging is a foul.
- If a majority of players want to play a basketball game instead of just shooting, players must play game or leave.

DO NOT...

- ...travel or double dribble.
- ...push or use foul language.
- ...do knocks in “lightning” or any other basketball game.
- ...continuing playing once the freeze bell rings.

Handball

- Only two players on the court at all times.
- The ball must bounce within the white lines of the handball court. Liners are out.
- The server may have no more than one serve/attempt to put the ball in play inside the white lines.
- The winner serves. Three wins only, then winner goes out.
- When in doubt, ALL players vote. If voted out you must leave.
- Always stand behind the white line.
- Play hard (no “easies”).
- If ball misses handball wall, you are out immediately - there are no “take ons” or “life” or “chances”.

DO NOT...

- ...cut or save places in line.
- ...stand or sit against the handball wall when others are playing.
- ...use substitute players.
- ...play with “catchies” or “pick-ups” or “blockies” or “slices”.