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PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST

Required checklist is to be completed by the school principal, playground aide, day care teachers or the custodian.

School: _____ Checked by: _____ Date: _____

CHECK THE FOLLOWING: (IF NO, EXPLAIN. USE NOTE PORTION OR THE BACK OF THIS SHEET)

- | | YES | NO | SURFACING: |
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| 1. | ☐ | ☐ | Does the equipment have adequate protective surfacing under and around it (12-14" sand, crushed wood, or equivalent protection)? |
| 2. | ☐ | ☐ | Is the loose-fill surfacing material free of foreign objects or debris? |
| 3. | ☐ | ☐ | Is the loose-fill surfacing material un-compacted and of sufficient depth in heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits? |

GENERAL HAZARDS:

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| 4. | ☐ | ☐ | Is all equipment free of sharp points, or dangerous corners or edges? |
| 5. | ☐ | ☐ | Are all pipe ends covered with undamaged protective caps or plugs? |
| 6. | ☐ | ☐ | Are all hazardous protrusions and projections, such as bars or bolts, removed? |
| 7. | ☐ | ☐ | Are all potential clothing entanglement removed or repaired (e.g. open S-hooks or protruding bolts)? |
| 8. | ☐ | ☐ | Have you insured that there is no pinch, crush, or shearing points or any exposed moving parts? |
| 9. | ☐ | ☐ | Is the playground area free of any environmental obstacles, such as exposed footings and anchoring devices, rocks, roots. |

DETERIORATION OF THE EQUIPMENT

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| 10. | ☐ | ☐ | Is all equipment free of rust, rot, cracks, or splinters, especially where it comes in contact with the ground? |
| 11. | ☐ | ☐ | Are all components on the playground equipment unbroken and in good condition? |
| 12. | ☐ | ☐ | Are all fences, benches and signs on the playground in an undamaged condition? |
| 13. | ☐ | ☐ | Is all equipment securely anchored? |

SECURITY OF HARDWARE

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| 14. | ☐ | ☐ | Are all fastening devices and connections, such as S-hooks and chains, secure and in good condition? |
| 15. | ☐ | ☐ | Are moving components, such as swing hangers, swing rings or nets, unworn and safe? |

DRAINAGE

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| 16. | ☐ | ☐ | Does the entire play area have satisfactory drainage, especially in heavy use area such as under swings and slide areas? |
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GENERAL UPKEEP OF PLAYGROUNDS

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| 17. | ☐ | ☐ | Is the entire playground free from miscellaneous debris or litter such as branches, cans, glass, animal waste, etc.? |
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ACTIONS TAKEN ON HAZARDS APPARENT FROM THIS INSPECTION

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| ☐ | repair the problem |
| ☐ | barricade/close area |
| ☐ | notify supervisor |
| ☐ | none: no hazardous conditions found |

NOTES:

*** Please return to the Office of Education by September 24, 2026 ***