

MAPPING YOUR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



Setting up a playground that has designated game areas with clearly marked boundaries is critical to creating fun, smooth-running recesses. Follow the basic steps below to create a safe and effective playground map with your recess team.

There are many factors that can contribute to a successful recess. Have a discussion about the current state of the playground with the adults that supervise recess. Consider the following:

- What are the boundaries of each play area? Are the games in a space that promotes safety and engagement? Do kids have too much or too little space?
- Are games being played in the appropriate areas?
- Are there safety hazards (e.g. holes, posts, sprinklers) to consider?
- Can the Recess Team see all the play areas for proper supervision? (If the playground is too large, it's okay to not use the entire playground.)
- Are games overlapping? (i.e. soccer being played where football is also being played)
- Are there any games that aren't currently being played that you'd like to see be available at recess?

Sketch your playground! Label where the kids play each game.

PLAYGROUND MAPPING GUIDELINES

Mapping Planning Worksheet: Now that you know what is working and not working at your recess let's start planning your recess:

Game	Age Group/ Grade	Equipment Needed/ Location /Boundaries	Rules

Now, you have your games and your rules, **go make a map!**