



Winchester School District #1

Winchester Grade School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of a new playground policy for non-school hours at Winchester Elementary School. As I described in the school messenger call that went out yesterday, the following rules are effective immediately:

First, we would like to give a reminder that state law prohibits the use of tobacco on school grounds. We continually find cigarette butts and chewing tobacco littering the playground. Violators will be prosecuted in the future.

Second, no high school students should be on the grade school playground at anytime.

Finally, students 8th grade and younger may continue to use the playground only while being actively supervised by an adult. This means if children want to use the playground after school hours or on weekends, they must have an adult with them on the playground at all times. For example, you cannot send your unaccompanied children to the playground while you remain at home, in a vehicle, run errands, etc.

All WGS staff, city, and county police will help monitor the playground. The first time a child is found unaccompanied, they will be asked to leave and will be reminded of the rules. If it happens a second time, they will be referred to the office. The WGS PAT, school district, and surrounding communities have donated over \$100,000 to have a great playground. We all want our children to enjoy it, but we must also protect it. Thank you for helping us keep our schools and grounds safe and clean.

This is also a reminder to send coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc with your children as the weather continues to cool. We will go outside for recess as often as possible and want our students to be warm.

Sincerely,

Andy Stumpf