



SKATEBOARDING/SCOOTERING ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

Context

Risk Management has provided guidelines concerning skateboarding/scooter on school property to mitigate the risk of serious injuries. Skateboarding/scooter hereafter is referred to as skateboarding.

Procedures

District Administrative Sites

Skateboarding is prohibited at all district administrative sites.

School Premises

1. The Principal must decide if skateboarding is to be permitted on the school premises:

1.1 If the decision is to prohibit skateboarding, the Principal must

1.1.1 inform all students that the activity is prohibited;

1.1.2 be aware that signage prohibiting skateboarding is recommended; and

1.1.3 contact the Director of Operations regarding the purchase and installation of signage.

1.2 If the decision is to permit skateboarding, there are two scenarios with different sets of guidelines.

1.2.1 Scenario 1 – Skateboarding apparatus is less than 20 cm in height

The Principal must

- Provide a designated area for skateboarding. (The pavement should be free of holes and other hazards and any sharp objects or obstructions should be removed or padded.)
- Consider signage in the designated area relative to conduct and use of protective gear, and signage in areas where skateboarding is prohibited. This signage is recommended. Contact the Director of Operations regarding signage.
- Obtain parental permission for the student to participate in the activity.
- Inform all students of the times that the designated skateboarding area may be used.
- Ensure skateboarding is supervised by a responsible adult during the designated times.
- Ensure that skateboarders wear helmets (additional protective gear is recommended).
- Store skateboards in an area where they will not cause injury (e.g., tripping).

1.2.2 Scenario 2 – Skateboarding apparatus to be installed is greater than 20 cm in height and/or modifications to the property are to occur for skateboarding purposes

The Principal must

- Provide a designated area for skateboarding. (The pavement should be free of holes and other hazards and any sharp objects or obstructions should be removed or padded.)
- Enclose the area so skateboarders are separated from people and vehicles.
- Contact the Director of Operations to obtain permission to erect skateboard ramps, half-pipes or other structures and discuss the required signage. Follow Administrative Procedure for *School Enhancement Projects*. (Note: Skateboard ramps, including half-pipes, MUST meet minimum CSA standards (reference Can/CSA-2614-M90a guideline), and must be installed in accordance with District policy.
- Post a sign in the designated area, clearly stating rules of conduct and the requirement for protective gear, hours of supervision etc. If it is not possible (or perhaps not desirable) for the area to be secured during non-school hours, the sign should state that use of the area during non-school hours is unsupervised and at the user's risk.
- Post signs in areas where skateboarding is not permitted.
- Establish rules of conduct.
- Communicate, prior to the area being used, the rules, requirements for protective gear and the designated area use-times to all students and parents.
- Obtain parental permission for students to participate in skateboarding.
- Send a notice at the beginning of each school year to each student's parents (a) advising that the school has a designated skateboarding area and that it will be supervised only during lunch hours and breaks and (b) outlining the rules of conduct, designated use times, and the District's requirements for protective gear.
- Ensure that skateboarders wear protective equipment including helmets, kneepads, elbow pads and wrist pads.
- Supervise the activity during the designated times. (Depending on general visibility of the area from the playground area in general, there probably should be a designated supervisor for the skateboarding area.)
- Store skateboards in an area where they will not cause injury (e.g., tripping).
- Include skateboard ramps and other structures in the school's semi-annual Health and Safety Committee safety inspection.
- Submit maintenance requests to Operations when repairs are needed.

Costs

All implementation and maintenance costs and costs associated with providing a skateboarding area will be the responsibility of the school.

Questions regarding this procedure should be addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO. Questions regarding premises and signage should be addressed to the Director of Operations.

Relevant Board Policy: N/A

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