



Requirements for Approval of Playground or Facilities Projects at School Sites:

Improvements to facilities and playgrounds need to be provided in a manner that prevent injuries and prevent litigation. In addition to contacting and working with Facilities and Facilities Volunteer forms requirements for playground projects below must be followed:

1. A licensed design professional (such as a California licensed architect/landscape architect) shall provide budget along with project plans and specifications that address structure, access, storm drainage, irrigation, and other design concerns that are deemed necessary for the acceptable completion of the design to successfully complete the review and authorization of the project by MHUSD Facilities/Construction Departments.
2. Design professional shall carry at a minimum \$2,000,000 General Liability) and \$2,000,000 Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions).
3. Design professional or playground equipment representative will certify that:
 - a) structures and equipment are designed to support max. capacity for use by students and all playground design will serve appropriate ages of students,
 - b) the project is designed so that all added equipment will provide for the safe evacuation of students in the case of a seismic event.
 - c) design shall be compliant with relevant sections within CA Code of Regulations Titles 5 and 24 and play equipment design shall be compliant with CA Code of Regulations Title 22. Social Security Division 4. Environmental Health Chapter 22. Safety Regulations for Playgrounds (see <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/EPIC/playgrounds/>);
 - d) access design is compliant with Division of State Architect's (DSA's) requirements for access and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
4. A properly certified inspector will verify that the proposed project does not present any Life/Safety hazards and a design professional or appropriate fire department representative will review plans to verify the design does not present a fire hazard.
5. As determined by the Designer, contractors bidding the project shall be provided plans and a description of itemized deliverables, to develop their bids.
6. As applicable for other than volunteer work, workers will be paid prevailing wages verified by certified payrolls. Projects under \$15,000 should obtain three but must have one written bid that is in compliance with these project standards and Projects over \$15,000 shall be in compliance with Public Contract Law including being advertised in a newspaper and should have a minimum of three written bids and include written documentation to demonstrate the project was bid in conformance with the requirements of Public Contract Law.
7. At a minimum, all projects must also meet District requirements for insurance:
 - Comprehensive general liability insurance
 - \$2,000,000 each person Bodily Injury
 - \$2,000,000 each occurrence Property Damage
 - Comprehensive automobile liability
 - \$2,000,000 each person Bodily Injury
 - \$2,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury
 - \$2,000,000 each occurrence Property Damage.
 - Employer Liability Insurance
 - \$2,000,000 each accident
8. Contractor shall:
 - a) Provide Payment and Performance Bond.
 - b) Comply with Labor Compliance requirements.
 - c) Possess applicable and valid contractors licenses.

Playgrounds must be safe and protect students from injuries. This supports achievement and avoids costly litigation.

9. A licensed design professional (such as a California licensed architect/structural engineer) shall provide budget along with project plans and specifications that address structure, access, storm drainage, irrigation, and other design concerns that are deemed necessary for the acceptable completion of the design to successfully complete the review and authorization of the project by MHUSD Facilities/Construction Departments.
10. Design professional shall carry at a minimum \$1,000,000 General Liability) and \$1,000,000 Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions).
11. Design professional or playground equipment representative will provide certification that:
 - e) structures and equipment are designed to support max. capacity for use by students for the ages that the playground is designed to serve,
 - f) the project is designed so that the play equipment will provide for the safe evacuation of students in the case of a seismic.
 - g) design and equipment are compliant with California Code of Regulations Title 22. Social Security Division 4. Environmental Health Chapter 22. Safety Regulations for Playgrounds (see <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/EPIC/playgrounds/>) ;
 - h) access design is compliant with Division of State Architect's (DSA's) requirements for access and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
12. A certified playground inspector shall verify that the proposed project does not present any Life/Safety hazards the design professional or appropriate fire department will review plan to verify it does not present a fire hazard.
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