

Eastford Readiness Council

Supervision Policy

General Supervision:

Teaching staff adhere to NAEYC program standards and criteria:

- Teaching staff supervise by positioning themselves to see as many children as possible
- Teaching staff supervises children primarily by sight. Supervision for short intervals by sound is permissible, as long as teachers check frequently on children who are out of sight. Preschooler may not be out of direct sight and sound supervision of all teaching staff for no more than one minute and the child is in a safe environment.

Teaching staff ensure that all children are escorted at all times when outside of the classroom. (By staff member, therapist, nurse, etc.)

Both inside and outside, staff should be aware of any equipment that may pose danger or risk to the children. Staff should position themselves to prevent injury from occurring as well as to inform children of the risks. This would include but is not limited to outdoor climbing equipment, tables, bookcases, etc.

Outside Recess:

Staff should ensure that others (e.g. older students, community members) are not using the preschool play area at the same time as preschool, unless a specific activity/event has been organized by the teacher.

Staff should be sure to take a two-way radio outdoors with them to allow for contact with any staff indoors in case of emergency.

Adapted from Eastford Elementary School Staff Manual:

Supervision of students at recess is imperative. It is important to have proximity to where the students are actually playing. When the adults outside are talking to each other, or far away from the children, students perceive that they are unsupervised.

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Supervision Policy (continued)

Outdoor procedures for those responsible for a student who has the potential "to run":

1. A staff member will remain within **arm's reach** of the student at all times.
2. If the child should dart away from the staff member, the following should occur:
 - Call to child, using his/her name and loudly say, "Stop!"
 - Follow the child
 - Notify office via two way radio