

POINT PLEASANT BEACH BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Re: Waiver of liability required for use of Antrim School playground
equipment and apparatus by students younger than 5 years of age and older than 12 years of age

Dear Parents:

As you are aware, through the generosity of the Antrim School Parent Teacher Organization, the Board of Education has installed the playground equipment at the Antrim School. The specifications for the equipment indicate that it is designed for use by children 5 to 12 years of age. The manufacturers of the playground equipment are not able to represent that the playground equipment will be appropriate for use by children younger than 5 years of age or older than 12 years of age. The manufacturers do not mean to imply that use of the equipment by students who may be 3 or 4 and/or 13 or 14 years of age would be dangerous to younger smaller children or to older bigger children, but only that the equipment has been designed for use by children between 5 to 12 years of age.

Of course, use of any playground equipment in a reckless fashion or by very young children without adult supervision, certainly poses risks by reason of such use. Teachers and paraprofessionals supervising play activities at the Antrim School try to ensure that the equipment is used safely by all students on the playground. An investigation of the playground equipment by school district administrators and faculty does not reveal any dangerous conditions for use of that playground equipment by 3 or 4 year old students or by 13 or 14 year old students, which is the usual ages of many preschool, seventh and eighth graders.

We have and will continue restricting use of the playground equipment by Antrim School students younger than the age of 5 and over the age of 12 unless the parents of the individual students have signed a waiver and permission slip giving their consent to the use of the Antrim School playground equipment by their children attending the Antrim School who are younger than the age of 5 or older than 12. The signing of a waiver and permission slip does not excuse school district staff members supervising play activities at the Antrim School playground from the responsibility of reasonable supervision of students in their charge to make safe use of the School's playground equipment and apparatus.

A copy of the waiver and permission slip is enclosed with this letter for your convenience as the parent of a younger or an older Antrim School student, to permit your child to utilize the playground equipment and apparatus at the Antrim School. Please check the appropriate box on the waiver and permission slip, sign and return it to the Antrim School.

Sincerely,



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School Business Administrator

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Waiver and Permission Slip

Student's name: _____

Student's grade: _____

I, the undersigned parent of the Antrim School student named above, hereby give my consent and permission for my child's use of the playground equipment and apparatus at the Antrim Elementary School. I hereby waive liability of the Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education and liability of the Board's agents including administrators, faculty, paraprofessionals and other staff who may be responsible for the supervision of playground activities of my child and of other students utilizing the Antrim School playground. I understand that this waiver does not excuse the Antrim School staff members from negligence regarding their responsibility to reasonably supervise playground activities of students assigned to recess or other outdoor activities involving use of the Antrim School playground. This waiver of liability would apply to claims of damages sustained by my child insofar as any injury that may occur in the future is not attributable to the negligence of agents or employees of the Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education.

I, the undersigned parent of the Antrim School student named above, refuse to give my consent and permission for my child's use of the playground equipment and apparatus at the Antrim Elementary School.

Dated: _____

Parent Signature

Parent Name