

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	60	75	D-	C
Easily viewed	100	27	A+	F
Crawl spaces	100	22	A+	F
Supervision rules posted	36	50	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			C+	D-
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	36	75	F	C
Signage for age group provided	11	40	F	F
Provided change of direction	63	100	D-	A+
Had guardrails	78	100	C+	A+
Prevented climbing outside the structure	82	91	B-	A-
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	84	91	B	A-
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			D+	B
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	100	100	A+	A+
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	100	0	A+	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	91	90	A-	A-
Concrete footings were covered	91	100	A-	A+
Free of foreign objects	73	36	C-	F
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			A-	B
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	91	82	A-	B-
Free of missing parts	82	100	B-	A+
Free of protruding bolts	100	82	A+	B-
Free of noticeable gaps	100	36	A+	F
Free of head entrapments	100	70	A+	C-
Free of rust	82	36	B-	F
Free of splinter	80	25	B-	F
Free of cracks/holes	91	82	A-	B-
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			A-	C

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	0%	
1981-1990	9%	
1991-1994	9%	
1995-1997	45%	
1998-present	45%	
Not available	NA	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	91%	100%
Swings	82%	64%
Horizontal ladders	20%	36%
Sliding poles	36%	64%
Chinning bars	9%	9%
Seesaws	9%	0%
Merry-go-rounds	18%	0%
Geodesic domes	18%	9%
<p>* The number in these columns indicates the percentages of the year of installation. These may contain a combination of different installation years at each playground site. NA represents percentages that are not available.</p> <p>** The numbers in these columns reflect percentages of equipment pieces were found.</p> <p>Grading Scale: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=59></p>		

Mississippi's Park Grade:

2000

B-

2004

C+



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