

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	100	33	A+	F
Easily viewed	100	77	A+	C+
Crawl spaces	100	83	A+	B-
Supervision rules posted	8	0	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B+	D+
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	33	0	F	F
Signage for age group provided	0	0	F	F
Provided change of direction	100	100	A+	A+
Had guardrails	100	50	A+	F
Prevented climbing outside the structure	100	39	A+	F
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	100	33	A+	F
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			B+	D
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	67	85	D+	B
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	93	NA	A-
Appropriate depth of loose fill	50	27	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	75	23	C	F
Concrete footings were covered	80	85	B-	B
Free of foreign objects	100	100	A+	A+
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			C+	C+
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	92	62	A-	D-
Free of missing parts	92	77	A-	C+
Free of protruding bolts	92	92	A-	A-
Free of noticeable gaps	75	54	C	F
Free of head entrapments	92	62	A-	D-
Free of rust	78	25	C+	F
Free of splinter	100	60	A+	D-
Free of cracks/holes	100	100	A+	A+
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			B+	C-

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	8%	
1981-1990	15%	
1991-1994	50%	
1995-1997	15%	
1998-present	15%	
Not available	7%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	92%	93%
Swings	75%	77%
Horizontal ladders	17%	54%
Sliding poles	25%	25%
Chinning bars	8%	23%
Seesaws	67%	15%
Merry-go-rounds	25%	23%
Geodesic domes	0%	15%
<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>		

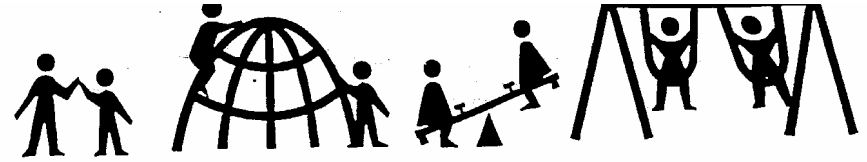
South Dakota's Child Care Grade:

2000

B

2004

C-



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