

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	100	NA	A+	NA
Easily viewed	88	100	B+	A+
Crawl spaces	63	100	D-	A+
Supervision rules posted	13	0	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			C+	B
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	67	NA	D+	NA
Signage for age group provided	70	NA	C-	NA
Provided change of direction	88	100	B+	A+
Had guardrails	88	88	B+	B+
Prevented climbing outside the structure	75	100	C	A+
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	75	100	C	A+
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C-	A
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	63	78	D-	C+
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	50	0	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	63	75	D-	C
Concrete footings were covered	71	100	D-	A+
Free of foreign objects	88	100	B+	A+
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			D+	B
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	75	78	C	C+
Free of missing parts	88	89	B+	B+
Free of protruding bolts	86	100	B	A+
Free of noticeable gaps	75	56	C	F
Free of head entrapments	75	78	C	C+
Free of rust	71	60	C-	D-
Free of splinter	83	100	B-	A+
Free of cracks/holes	88	100	B+	A+
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			C+	B-

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	11%	
1981-1990	11%	
1991-1994	0%	
1995-1997	44%	
1998-present	44%	
Not available	NA	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	75%	89%
Swings	75%	78%
Horizontal ladders	63%	11%
Sliding poles	13%	0%
Chinning bars	25%	0%
Seesaws	38%	44%
Merry-go-rounds	25%	11%
Geodesic domes	13%	0%
<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>		

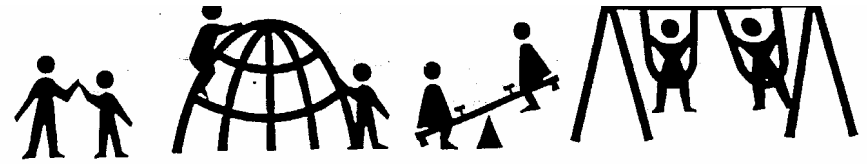
South Carolina's Child Care Grade:

2000

C

2004

B+



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