

FY 2008 QUESTION NUMBER: 6

QUESTION:

Provide information regarding standards for playground supervision.

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: 1-10

ANSWER:

There are no local or national guidelines for the number of staff related to playground supervision. The Safety Handbook of Montgomery County Public Schools provides guidance on playground safety, and procedures for administrators, teachers, and lunch hour aides who supervise playground activity, and recommendations for making existing playgrounds safer. There are 160.1 lunch hour aide positions budgeted for FY 2008. Elementary school lunch hour aides are allocated according to school size as shown below:

<u>Students</u>	<u>FTE Allocation</u>	
800 +	1.875 FTE	(15 hours)
750-799	1.750 FTE	(14 hours)
700-749	1.625 FTE	(12 hours)
650-699	1.500 FTE	(12 hours)
625-649	1.375 FTE	(11 hours)
525-624	1.250 FTE	(10 hours)
475-524	1.125 FTE	(9 hours)
300-474	1.000 FTE	(8 hours)
Less than 300	0.875 FTE	(7 hours)

Some schools, because of sight lines, the geography of the site, and playground location may require additional assistance. These situations are examined and addressed on a case by case basis.