



## USE OF AMUSEMENT RIDES, INFLATABLES, AIRBORNE TRAMPOLINES AND DUNK TANKS

Responsibility:	Superintendent, Business Services & Treasurer of the Board
Legal References:	N/A
Related References:	
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### 1. Preamble

- 1.1 The following procedure provides clarification regarding the use of amusement rides, inflatable jumpers, slides, houses, castles, in addition to airborne trampolines and dunk tanks on school property.

### 2. Equipment Prohibited

- 2.1 The use of inflatable products (i.e., jumpers, slides, houses, castles) where the person comes in contact with the product is not permitted for school events. This restriction applies to units where students climb, jump or ride (in or on) the inflatable device. The Board's insurance carrier, the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE), has indicated that there is significant risk of injury with the use of this type of equipment (see OSBIE articles: School Activities and Managing the Risk of Inflatables).
  - 2.1.1 The restriction does not apply to units where the student does not directly contact the inflatable device where the equipment happens to be inflatable. Examples of permitted inflatables are: frog toss, basketball stand, side-by-side obstacle courses, mazes and mobile planetariums.
  - 2.1.2 Questions regarding the appropriateness of a specific inflatable device should be directed to [risk@wrdsb.ca](mailto:risk@wrdsb.ca).
- 2.2 Airborne trampolines and dunk tanks are not permitted, except under the following circumstances:
  - 2.2.1 Some students with special needs may have specialized equipment that could include a small trampoline. These trampolines are assigned to students only when recommended by a qualified professional such as an Occupational Therapist. These trampolines are required as part of identified sensory needs and will be listed as part of the sensory equipment in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- 2.3 The use or rental of amusement rides on school board property is not permitted (trackless trains, spinning pumpkins, ferris wheel etc.)
- 2.4 No contracts should be signed with any vendors offering any of these products even if the products themselves are approved through the Technical Standards and Safety Association (TSSA).