

# Recess is Mandatory K-8

# California's New Recess Mandate: Are you ready?

SB 291- For the 2024-25 school year all schools are required to provide 30 minutes of recess for elementary school students everyday.

#### Why?

- Research shows kids need relief from structured class environment
- Recess provides a crucial time for social skills development
- Recess provides a time for kids to decompress and has restorative benefits for returning to classroom "Ready to Learn".

## Preparation now will minimize problems later.

### Tips for being prepared for the new recess mandate.

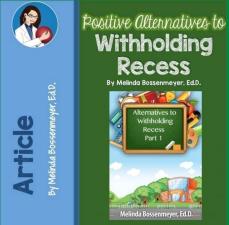
- Provide enough loose equipment like balls, bean bags, scoops, etc so student can be actively involved in games.
- Provide enough painted game markings so kids have enough to do at recess.
- Teach children a consistent set of game rules to decrease playground arguments.
- Develop consistent expectations for playground behavior with consequences identified.

Recess cannot be taken away and used as punishment. Visit our website for these free resources

Want suggestions for making your recess fun and enjoyable? Attend the next Peaceful Playgrounds Webinar offered every other Wed.

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## Recess Program Replenishment Materials



Strong and secure playground ball cart offers a

convenient way to move equipment out to the

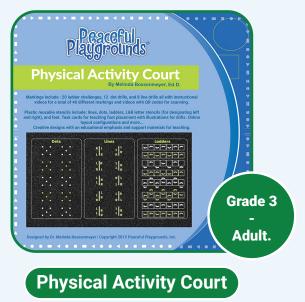
playground when needed.

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**Replenishment Equipment Pack** 

We also know through research that a
recommended rule is 1 piece of equipment for every
10 kids. This package has approx 100 pieces.



This court is low cost, easy to implement, and includes: 20 ladder challenges, 12 dot drills, 8 line drills, with instructional videos, and task cards for a total of 40 different markings.



### Fitness Fun Zone Trail

You can make a huge 24 station fitness trail utilizing all 24 station stencils or 2 smaller 12 station trails. The smaller 12 station trail consists of a set of exercise stations like long jump, jump to the sky, quick jumps, and twister to name a few. The 12 jump rope stations include: Bell, Basic jump, skier, and straddle cross jumping to name a few.