

## Gross Motor Checklist: ECERS-3 and KY Preschool Regulations

Regulation requirements are noted with **Regulation**.

District: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Gross Motor Space Accessible: \_\_\_\_\_ Max # of children at one time: \_\_\_\_\_ # of staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Regulation - Ratio

Indoor Gross Motor Space: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft. Outdoor Gross Motor Space: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.

Regulation – 75 sq. ft./student

Protective surface of loose-fill material:

Inches	Loose-Fill Material	Fall Height (feet)	Depth of Loose-Fill Material Measured**	(circle status)
6	Shredded/recycled rubber	10		OK Major Minor
9	Sand	4		OK Major Minor
9	Pea Gravel	5		OK Major Minor
9	Wood mulch	7		OK Major Minor
9	Wood chips	10		OK Major Minor

\*\*Depth of Loose-Fill Material must be within 1-2 inches of required depth to be considered generally safe.

Variety of surfaces (minimum of 2 types): **Circle all that apply**

Soil                  Grass                  Cement                  Gravel                  Black-top                  Sand

Equipment Spacing	YES	NO	Comment	(circle status)
Over 30 inches high must be spaced at least 9 feet apart				OK Major Minor
30 inches or less must be 6 feet apart				OK Major Minor
Moving pieces (swings) must be away from other structures and fall zones do not overlap				OK Major Minor

Example safety concerns may include sharp/rough edges, not age appropriate, too high, unanchored, not maintained, threat of entrapment, pinch points or projections

Structure/Fencing	Safe	Unsafe	Comments	(circle status)
Climbing equip. up to 60 inches tall				OK Major Minor
Horizontal ladders 60" high or less				OK Major Minor
Ramps				OK Major Minor
Slides				OK Major Minor
Stairways				OK Major Minor
Swings				OK Major Minor
Balance beams				OK Major Minor
Merry go rounds				OK Major Minor
Ladders				OK Major Minor
Spring rockers				OK Major Minor
Fencing at least 48 inches high (regulation)				OK Major Minor
Gates 2 positive latching at least 36 inches wide (regulation)				OK Major Minor

Age Ability (circle all that apply)                      threes                      fours                      fives                      disabilities

Definitions of major hazards and minor hazards, extremely dangerous, somewhat safe and generally safe can be found on pages 24 of the ECERS-3.

Skills equipment stimulates: (list)

	YES	NO	Comment	
Gross motor space easily accessible (no long walk, use of stairs; all children have access)				OK Major Minor
Adequate space for vigorous play including running and use of wheel toys				OK Major Minor
Organized so activities do not interfere with each other:				OK Major Minor

Convenient Features (circle all that apply)

Outdoor protection from the elements                      Water fountain                      Close proximity to toilets  
 Accessible storage for portable equipment                      Direct access from classroom

Staff explain safety rules to children      YES      NO      Examples observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Children generally follow safety rules established YES      NO      Examples observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervision of Playground Area

Area/Situation	Sufficient	Insufficient	Comments
Enough staff to supervise area			
Staff positioned to see all areas			
Staff move around play area			
Staff act to remove dangers			
Staff act to stop rough play			
Staff enhances play			
Staff talk with children about concepts related to play			
Staff help children to develop positive social interactions			

Additional Safety Concerns	Comments		
Location of playground near busy street		Major	Minor
		Major	Minor
		Major	Minor
		Major	Minor
		Major	Minor