

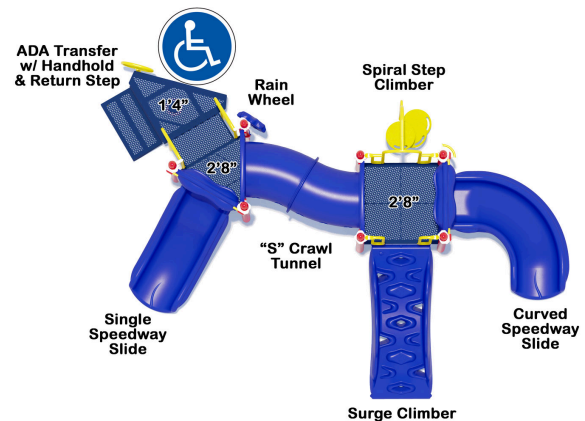
12. Outdoor Playground and Indoor Gross-Motor/Media Space

The school is required to provide an outdoor play area. Agape proposes to convert and securely fence approximately 5,500 square feet of the parking area allocated to the standalone building for use as an outdoor playground.

The playground will provide ample allocated space for age-appropriate equipment, impact-attenuating surfacing, outdoor seating, hydration, and shaded activity areas. The goal is to create a safe, secure, and welcoming environment in which children can engage in developmentally appropriate outdoor activity while being protected from vehicle circulation and excessive sun exposure.

The playground plan include or provide for:

- Secure perimeter fencing and controlled, self-latching gates.
- 2 Emergency-access gates are available
- Age-appropriate playground equipment.
- Impact-attenuating ground surfacing.
- Shaded activity areas and outdoor seating.
- Hydration access.
- Appropriate drainage and prevention of standing water.
- Separation from vehicle travel lanes and parking areas.
- Safe pedestrian access between the building and playground.
- Active staff supervision and scheduled inspections and maintenance.



Age Range: 2 to 5 **Fall Height:** 2'8"

Child Capacity: 20 **Use Zone:** 30' x 25'

The playground includes up to 3 shaded areas and open play safe which may include, turf, rubber flooring and or mulch as per industry standards and licensing requirements.



The playground is not intended to accommodate all 225 children at the same time. Children will use the outdoor area in scheduled classroom or age-group rotations. The current DCF child care facility fact sheet states a general outdoor-space benchmark of 45 square feet per child with a minimum outdoor area for one-half of licensed capacity. For a proposed capacity of 225 children, one-half capacity is 112.5 children, and the general benchmark would be approximately 5,063 square feet. A 5,500-square-foot qualifying playground would exceed that general benchmark and could accommodate approximately 122 children at one time at 45 square feet per child, subject to final verification of the usable outdoor area and licensing approval. [4][5]

The final playground schedule will identify the classrooms or age groups using the space, number of children in each group, staff assigned, approximate duration of each session, transition procedures, procedures for severe heat, rain, lightning, or other inclement weather, and the maximum number of children permitted in the playground at one time.

The floor plan will also include an indoor gross-motor, multipurpose, or media center for periods of rain, severe weather, or excessive heat. This indoor area will supplement the outdoor playground but will not be represented as a substitute for required outdoor space unless specifically accepted by the licensing authority.

ILLUSTRATION 3 - PROPOSED 5,500-SQUARE-FOOT PLAYGROUND