



SCHOOL GUIDE



Superior
RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS
A PLAYCORE Company



Futures Built *by play*

Research shows the importance of play in school. Not only does play improve physical development, but also academic performance and emotional development. We can help create a playground that's centered around your curriculum. Let's work together to capture the unique spirit of your school. A few outcomes include:

Inclusion

Play environments that break down both physical barriers to access and social barriers to participation can unite children in meaningful ways.

Academic Performance

Play and recess can help decrease behavior-related problems and create a more productive classroom.

Shade Protection

Not only can shade be used to protect play equipment, it can also be used in other areas of your campus such as carpool lanes, dining spaces, and outdoor classrooms.

Physical Development

As children play, they develop important developmental milestones while they explore climbers, panels, slides, swings, and more.

100%

of teachers agree that recess
is *essential* for young students'
mental and physical
*development**



Building Your *school environment*

With our customer-focused industry expertise, we help schools create complete outdoor recreational environments that cultivate community and enrich the lives of both students and teachers. Discover how easy it is to furnish your next outdoor space by utilizing all of our product lines by turning the page.



SHADE

SITE
AMENITIES

PLAYGROUNDS

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OUR PRODUCT LINES



SuperiorPlay

- ✓ Age-Appropriate Play Structures
- ✓ Themed Playground Structures
- ✓ Fitness Courses & Equipment
- ✓ Swing Sets — A Childhood Favorite!
- ✓ Nature Inspired Play Equipment
- ✓ Outdoor Musical Instruments
- ✓ Interactive Learning Panels
- ✓ Outdoor Classroom Equipment

SuperiorAmenities

- ✓ Child Height & Standard Picnic/Outdoor Cafeteria Table Seating
- ✓ Car Rider Line Bench Seating
- ✓ Welcome Area Bench Seating
- ✓ Sport Court Bench Seating
- ✓ Playground Buddy Benches
- ✓ Custom Logo Furnishings

OUR PRODUCT LINES



Superior *Shade*

- ✓ Outdoor Classroom Shade
- ✓ Picnic Area Shade
- ✓ Bleacher Shade
- ✓ Playground Shade
- ✓ Sport Court Shade
- ✓ Walkway Shade
- ✓ Car Rider Line Shade



Superior *Shelter*

- ✓ Outdoor Classroom Pavilion
- ✓ Picnic Pavilion
- ✓ Bleacher Shelter
- ✓ Sport Court Cover
- ✓ Outdoor Event Space Cover
- ✓ Dugout Shelter
- ✓ Walkway Cover



CASE STUDY



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FACT: By adding an *inclusive structure*, Haynes-Inman Education Center is able to allow children of *all abilities* to play together.

Haynes-Inman Education Center is part of the Guilford County School system in Jamestown, N.C. that opened its doors to the community in August 2010. The school was named after two influential people within the community. One was a student, Meredith Leigh Haynes, who touched the hearts of many people in the community. The other was Mrs. Bennie Lee Inman. She was a pioneer in educating young people with disabilities. She dedicated more than 30 years of her life to educating and training children with special needs while serving as the director of the Greensboro Center Palsy School. Haynes-Inman currently serves approximately 130 students between ages 2-22 with severe to profound cognitive and/or physical disabilities.

been a long time coming and the kids love it,” Principal Kevin Carr said.

This playground features bonded rubber mulch surfacing and a wide ramp from end-to-end that allows children in wheelchairs to access any part of the structure. There are numerous play panels accessible both on the structure and from the ground level. This gives children of all abilities the opportunity to play and interact with each other without restriction.

In addition to Haynes-Inman students, families also enjoy this playground on a regular basis.

Superior worked with the school to create a fun and safe inclusive outdoor playground for the students of Haynes-Inman.

“It’s a nice place for our families to come now. Siblings are able to play right along side each other because everybody can access it,” Carr said.

“I enjoyed the challenge of designing the playground at Haynes-Inman, Ellington said. “This play environment went beyond a typical inclusive design as it was created to meet the varied needs of the students,” she said.

The school’s physical therapists also benefit from the new playground. They help children with physical disabilities work their muscles by walking up and down the structure’s inclined ramps.

The solution consisted of an inclusive ramp structure that incorporates numerous educational playground panels such as the Gear Panel that students can interact with. Other great elements include an extra wide slide and an inclined crawl tunnel.

“It’s been a fantastic thing and I’m so appreciative of the folks that listened and designed something that really meets the needs of Haynes-Inman,” Carr said.

This was a brand new structure added to Haynes-Inman. This school previously did not have an outdoor play environment.

All of their students are able to enjoy this playground, no matter their physical abilities.

“We’re really excited to have the new playground in place. It’s

“Just to see the smiles of their faces from the kids from 3 all the way up to 22 has just been amazing. Our teachers are happy, our parents are happy,” Carr said.



CASE STUDY

FACT: By adding a *new playground*, Cambridge Elementary Magnet saw a decrease in *behavior-related problems* and a more *productive classroom*.

It's not uncommon for students to have some behavior-related problems while in school, especially if they are unsure of what is expected of them. When punishment is the only reaction, children are not able to learn the necessary skills to make positive changes.

To improve school safety and promote positive behavior, Cambridge Elementary Magnet in Coco, Fla. became a Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) school in 2009. The school was recognized as a PBIS Silver Level Model School the following year for their proficiency at implementing PBIS.

"It is a behavior program that aims to focus on awarding positive behavior and de-emphasizing corrective action for negative behavior," Bookkeeper Christene Branham said.

PBIS strives to promote prevention over punishment. With this proactive approach, schools teach students positive behavior strategies. Their goal is to teach students those behaviors will have a positive impact on their academics and social lives. While this is done in the classroom, it's also reinforced by having dedicated recess time for all students.

"The new playground helped solve behavior problems and has more room for children to play. It's contributed for a more productive classroom and the children are more cooperative when playing together," Branham said.

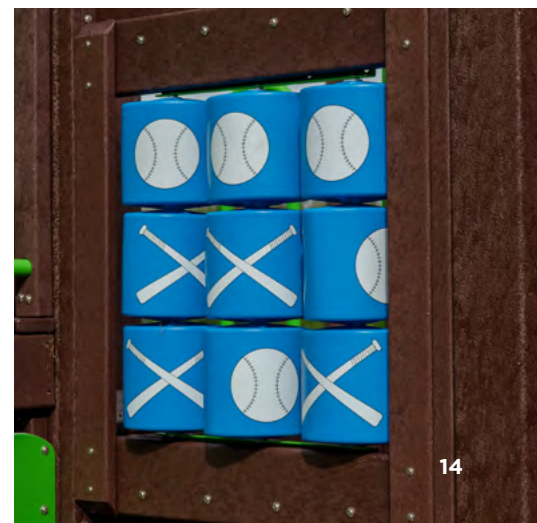
Not only does recess have great physical benefits for children, it encourages social and emotional development and results in a more productive classroom.

Our SRP Certified Partner Advanced Recreational Concepts worked with the school to create a playground catered to the students' developmental needs as well as their coastal environmental needs with corrosion-resistant recycled material.

Children perform better in the classroom when they are able to play in an unstructured social environment. Research shows that children have optimal cognitive ability when they're able to take a break from the classroom.

Recess offers children time to engage and interact with each other. These interactions help children develop social and emotional skills. Research shows that children learn valuable communication skills including negotiation, cooperation, sharing, and problem solving while playing.

Our recycled playgrounds are made from reclaimed post-consumer plastic products like milk jugs. It's resistant to vandalism, corrosion, rotting, splitting, salt spray, marine borers, termites, oil, and fungus. It also looks and feels like wood without the unwanted maintenance. Additionally, our recycled material is manufactured with UV additives in order to prevent fading.





CASE STUDY

FACT: By adding *shade* to their carpool area, Country Lane Elementary is able to provide *sun protection* to teachers and students.

Oftentimes, a child's experience arriving at school sets the tone for the day. Rain or extreme heat can cause a damper on the day. To provide sun and rain protection for students, Country Lane Elementary School in Broken Arrow, Okla. was in search of durable shade.

Our SRP Certified Partner Play by Design, Inc. worked with the school to incorporate customized suspended cantilevers for their carpool area and playground walkway.

These shades take advantage of suspension braces at the top of the structure to support the extended shade. The cream color of these shade fabric was chosen to complement the existing design of the school building.

With the growing awareness of the risk of skin cancer due to exposure to the sun's harmful UV rays, it's important to choose shade that will not only alleviate heat, but provide UV protection as well.

Our shade fabric is made of UV stabilized cloth. The cream fabric provides 74% shade cover and blocks 92% of harmful UV rays.

Not only have the shades improved the arrival and dismissal of students, it's also improved safety on the school grounds. The shades create a designated area clearly visible so students know exactly where to go.

The shades have benefitted Country Lane so much they decided to incorporate them in other schools in the district.

"We have had such great success with the shade canopies we have them going up all over our [school] district," Executive Director of Construction and Facilities Bob Tolomeo said.



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CASE STUDY

FACT: By adding an *active structure*, Elm Street Elementary is able to provide students with a fun way to promote *physical development*.

There is a wealth of opportunities for children to be active during recess. Even though not all children play vigorously, they are able to choose their activities and play for the joy of it.

Even minor movement helps children lower their risk of obesity and improves their quality of health. Recess is the perfect opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle by fostering good habits early.

That's exactly what Elm Street Elementary School in Newnan, Ga. did when they were in need of a new playground. After doing successful fundraising, the school was able to provide new play equipment for students in third through fifth grade.

Our SRP Certified Partner KorKat was able to provide them with an active play structure that fit their need to promote physical development in children.

The playground features elements such as our Zany Zipper Arch Climber, Camel Back Kids Climber, and Sonic

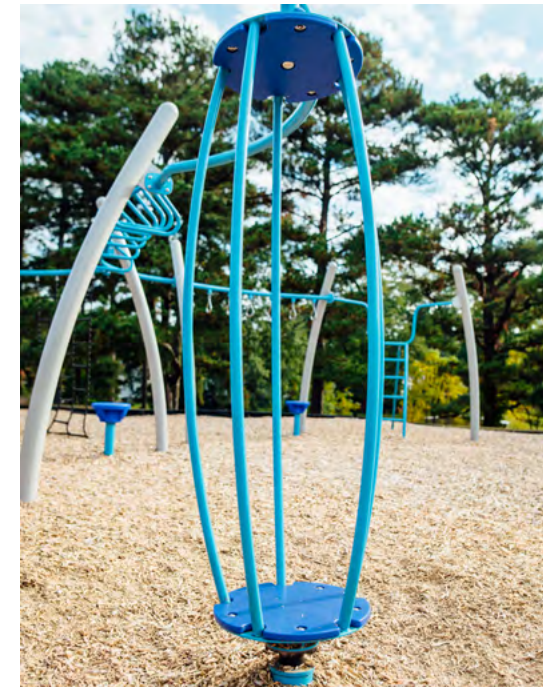
Spinner that help children reach important developmental milestones.

This playground is designed to safely develop growing muscles, coordination, balance, and gross motor skills while also having fun. Children are engaged longer and encouraged to keep moving and exploring the multiple challenging components.

Our products are designed to go above and beyond to engage in targeted muscle groups.

The play value added to this school goes beyond the physical. It also allows for learning opportunities in social and emotional health through sharing, negotiating, and cooperation while playing.

It's important for children to cultivate a lifestyle of health and wellness, which is why they chose Superior's durable and innovative physical play equipment that makes fitness fun!



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What Your Peers Are Saying About Superior Recreational Products

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Kevin Carr

PRINCIPAL • HAYNES-INMAN
EDUCATION CENTER



Our representative provided amazing guidance through a very consultative approach — never sold, just informed. I truly appreciated this approach as it allowed me to do what's best for my academy.

John Swartz

MANAGING PARTNER • KIDDIE ACADEMY
OF VANCOUVER-SALMON CREEK



We wanted a play area that was early childhood friendly and that would encourage creative play. The students enjoy being in the courtyard and playing in that area. We love this part of our school!

Heather Salas

PRINCIPAL • LONE STAR EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTER



Where SRP shines is when they use creative methods to enhance the pretend play experience. We are happy with the results of the playground. It's great when everyone works together and brings a sound vision to the project.

Tim Leopold

VP OF NEW DEVELOPMENT • MERIT
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Frequently Asked questions

We're here to help! We've compiled a few of our commonly asked questions. If you need additional assistance, let us know.

1 How much does a playground cost?

While every playground project is different, each of our steel playground clients can expect certain costs while planning for your new playground.

- 7% to 15% Freight
- 22% to 40% Installation
- 20% to 50% Product
- 20% to 90% Surfacing

2 What are some ways to secure funds?

Partnerships For Play

Planning a successful crowdfunding campaign for a new school playground can be difficult and time-consuming. We've made it easy with our Partnerships For Play crowdfunding program, which is designed in four phases over eight weeks. The program works with you and your SRP Certified Partner to plan and execute a successful campaign. [Start raising money!](#)

Grant Guide

We've compiled an over 100-page guide of nation- and state-specific grants to help fund your school playground. Each grant resource includes the name of the grant, the organization funding the grant, the award amount, deadlines, and more. [Check it out!](#)

Purchasing Contracts

Superior makes it easy to buy by having purchasing contracts with organizations like BuyBoard, HGACBuy, and GSA Advantage just to name a few. [See all of our purchasing programs.](#)

3 Who should be involved?

The more involved, the more fun! Be sure to include important stakeholders like students, parents, administrators, and other community members.

4 How long will it take?

While it depends on many factors, an average project can take 12 weeks. Your SRP Certified Partner will work with your school to ensure your playground meets your needs and budget.

Quick Ship Playgrounds

If you're looking to add a new playground to your school quickly, check out the play structures available in our quick ship program. These hand-selected structures are ready to ship within five business days! Models are available for children ages 2-5, 2-12, and 5-12 and are available in our most popular color schemes. [Let us know if you want to learn more!](#)

5 Why choose Superior?

For nearly three decades, Superior has been cultivating communities, enriching lives, and allowing people to focus on what matters most. With our extensive collection of steel and recycled play lines, we are committed to enriching the lives of children at schools like yours. Superior has a critical role in engaging social and emotional development as well as physical benefits.

We give children an opportunity to let their imaginations soar on the playground. Together, we can create spaces where friendships are made and memories are created. It's time to come *play. relax. live.*

We reimagine how children play

You want choices. We've got them, along with the design expertise to take your ideas and make them real. Whether you want long-lasting steel, recycled materials that stand up to harsh salt air, an elaborate theme, or something entirely different, let's combine your imagination with our expertise and together we can reimagine the way children play.

We use quality materials

At Superior, we only use quality playground materials — whether you're purchasing a musical instrument or a full structure. Proudly manufactured in the USA, our products are built to last and provide fun for years to come.

Safety is our top priority

Our commitment to safety is reflected in each phase of our planning process — from our materials to our strategic 6-foot obstruction-free zones. All of our products meet or exceed standards set forth by the respectable organizations in our industry such as IPEMA and the U.S. Access Board.

Our unwavering dedication to inclusion

The benefits of bringing your students together with an inclusive playground are immeasurable. Inclusive play environments provide unique opportunities for children of all ages and abilities to engage in their right to play. Outdoor play environments that break down both physical barriers to access and social barriers to participation can unite communities in meaningful ways.

We create complete recreational environments

With our customer-focused industry expertise, we help schools create complete outdoor recreational environments to help promote physical and mental health, well-being, friendship, and fun. Discover how easy it is to furnish your playground by utilizing all of our product lines.





Other Great *online resources*

We have plenty of online resources to help you when planning your next outdoor project. Click the images below to learn more about each topic.



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