

Proposal for Core Communication Playground Sign

Insert School/City Name Here

BACKGROUND: We have many students at _____ who are unable to communicate their needs through traditional speech. Some of these students use speech generating devices that allow them to press symbols to “speak” words out loud. Some other students use speech to meet most of their needs; however, when they become upset or frustrated, they resort to behaviors instead of using words.

This presents a problem on the playground, as it is maybe unsafe to take expensive speech-communication devices outside where they may be broken. Yet, these students need to be able to talk to their friends and teachers.

NEED: A large Core Communication Sign with symbols familiar to our students installed on the playground. Printer and poster versions are used throughout the building, and staff and students are very familiar with them (they can be printed the AAC Language Lab or requested from PRC-Salttillo). An outdoor sign, made of durable material, would withstand repeated use and the weather. It would allow staff to point to symbols to help students understand directions and model how to use language on the playground. It would allow students who are feeling frustrated to have symbols and words right in the moment that they can use to tell staff and students how they feel and therefore likely avoid behaviors. It would also encourage inclusivity by showing other students another way to communicate with their fellow non-verbal student.

REQUEST: Approximately \$_____ to have a custom sign made that would be installed on the playground. We have a quote from _____ for the following:

1	Core Communication Playground Sign	\$--
	Installation	\$--
	TOTAL	\$--

Respectfully submitted,

Name

School