



New Frontiers Preschool Nature Playground On-Site Field Trip Permission

New Frontiers is a nature-based preschool, meaning that we deliberately schedule more time outdoors than is typical. One way that we are able to accommodate more time outdoors is by having more outdoor spaces, in addition to our traditional playground, that students can use throughout the day. Each class at New Frontiers uses the Nature Playground each day, weather permitting. Our Nature Playground is accessed by a bridge within the traditional playground area. The space is fenced on three sides, keeping children separated from I-43 and the Family Farm property.

The Nature Playground offers various nature-based play elements including a "Nature Construction site", where children can use small logs and twigs, "tree cookies", and other natural elements to make their own creations, a wigwam themed play fort, and more for kids to explore. The Nature Playground is a great place for kids to interact with nature and use their imaginations outdoors!

While the Nature Playground is one of many elements that sets New Frontiers apart, there are some inherent risks that come with spending time playing and exploring outdoors including minor injuries from natural elements, insects, etc. The Nature Playground is mowed, maintained, and monitored for wildlife and insect populations, however, a basic level of risk will always remain. As part of our commitment to keeping children safe in all environments, children will be supervised at all times and the required child-staff ratios will be maintained at all times. Children must wear appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy outdoor shoes (with closed toes) or boots in the Nature Playground. Teachers will gladly change children's shoes or clothes to accommodate moving between the Nature Playground and the center.

We are excited to offer the Nature Playground as yet another unique learning environment where our children can let their imaginations come alive and learn through hands-on play and exploration!

I (name) _____ hereby give permission for my child (child's name) _____ to participate in learning and play activities conducted in the New Frontiers Nature Playground. I understand and agree that there exist risks of harm associated with participating in outdoor programming which may give rise to bodily injury and/or property damage and that New Frontiers will not be held liable for any such injury or damage. I knowingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for these risks arising out of or related to outdoor programming at New Frontiers.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____