

Education Service Center, Region 20 Head Start 06CH012834

Tangible Personal Property Report

Disposition Request/Report SF-428-C, #4 Comments

Asset: Wooden Play Structure (Meyer Elementary School, Hondo ISD)

Original Purchase Date: 2001-2002 Program Year

Executive Summary

ESC-20 Head Start is requesting approval to demolish a 24-year-old wooden play structure. This asset has exceeded its useful life, is not in use, poses a potential safety risk to students, and is no longer economically viable to maintain.

Core Justification

Having been in continuous outdoor use since 2001, the structure has exceeded the standard depreciation cycle and functional lifespan for wooden playground equipment, rendering it beyond useful life. Despite proactive maintenance and repeated painting, the wood's structural integrity has deteriorated significantly, and the ongoing maintenance required to address splintering and rot is no longer safe or financially feasible. Neither the program nor the school district has been using the wooden play structure, making the cost of annual repairs and part replacements an inefficient use of program funds. Disposing of the unit eliminates recurring maintenance costs and any safety concerns. Hondo ISD officials have inspected the unit and concurred that disposal is the best path forward to mitigate liability and ensure a hazard-free play environment for our children.

A modern, durable replacement that meets all current safety requirements was purchased and installed during the 2024-2025 program year. The old structure is now redundant and occupies space that could be better used for other educational purposes.

Disposition Plan

The wooden play structure has not been in use since the spring of 2025 and requires extensive repairs to become a safe, usable structure. The play structure does not lend itself to disassembly into components for sale and, due to its design, would not be recommended for reassembly for use in any other situation. Therefore, the play structure currently holds no fair market value due to its age and condition. The ESC-20 Head Start program will fund the professional demolition and removal of the structure at a cost of \$4,700, ensuring the site is left in a safe, clean condition for Hondo ISD.