

# Playworks TeamUp

Team up to transform school culture through safe and healthy play at recess



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## Playworks provides comprehensive on-site consulting and support.

- **An experienced Playworks site coordinator is on-site for a five-day block each month** to model and teach strategies, games, and systems to develop and sustain a positive educational culture for everyone, starting at recess.
- **A Playworks program manager** works directly with school administration to oversee the implementation and support of TeamUp at each site.
- **Playworks' national impact team** provides resources and tools for ongoing assessment, evaluation and implementation.

## The whole school community takes ownership for a positive recess culture.

- **A designated recess coach from your school**, such as a lead teacher or paraprofessional, provides consistent recess leadership throughout the year.
- **Your recess team (any adults who support recess)** receives in-depth professional development to create a positive recess climate and support the recess coach.
- **4th and 5th grade Junior Coaches** build social and emotional skills through leadership training after school with the site coordinator and recess team. They lead games, resolve conflicts, and serve as role models at recess.
- **Teachers, parents, administrators, and volunteers** are trained by the site coordinator to build shared expectations for safe, healthy play and behavior at recess and beyond.

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- **Recess Support:** Create a safe, healthy play environment at recess and during transitions.
- **Junior Coach Program:** Influence a positive recess culture through student leaders.
- **Class Game Time:** Teach foundational skills and activities with individual classes.

94%

of partner staff report increased academic participation

96%

report that more students are physically active

91%

report that students are more able to focus in class

84%

report a decrease in bullying incidents

94%

report increased cooperation between students



**“Playworks TeamUp helped staff set clear expectations early in the year and then create fun, consistent transitions to and from the playground.”**

—Matthew Harris, Principal  
John F. Kennedy Elementary School



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See Playworks TeamUp in action!  
Watch the two minute video at  
**[playworks.org/TeamUp](http://playworks.org/TeamUp)**