

DURANT PTO INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PROJECT



Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children **PLAY IS SERIOUS LEARNING.**

—Mr. Rogers



What is an inclusive playground?

The goal of an inclusive playground is to allow more access for students and include everyone by removing barriers that can make it difficult to play together. They are thoughtfully designed to provide a safe place where children of all abilities can play together, and are developmentally appropriate for all children.

Why update our playground?

This project began in 2018 when we added a Sensory Wall that gets used every day by students. We have purchased an inclusive spinner and we need your help to complete the ground work, purchase the solid surfacing, and install our new spinner.

At present, almost every piece of equipment is surrounded by a bed of mulch. While it is “playground mulch,” it is still a layer of woodchips which makes it difficult to navigate for students with mobility issues. The mulch is replenished on a regular basis, but is not well suited for certain areas such as under the swing set. Mulch is easily displaced during play, leaving muddy areas, and it is also not ADA compliant.



HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email us at durantpto@gmail.com
or join us at a PTO meeting

Please check out our Facebook Page OR the PTO website for more information.

We will be posting updates frequently.

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE DURANT PTO PLAYGROUND PROJECT! Here's my donation of: \$ _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone Number: _____ Company Name (where applicable) _____

What would you like listed on the plaque? _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

DUE TO COVID WE EXTENDED THE DEADLINE TO QUALIFY FOR A RAFFLE DRAWING
PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 20TH. DRAWINGS WILL BE 10/3 AFTER PTO MEETING

Please make your check payable to *The Durant PTO* and return it with this form to:

Durant PTO Playground Project, PO Box 944, Durant, IA 52747

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PLAYGROUND PROJECT!

How much will it cost?

The estimate for our project is around \$50,000. This includes the cost of the groundwork, concrete, safe surfacing, spinner and installation upgrades.

Below is an outline of the project costs:



Item	Amount
Ground Preparation	\$3,000
Surfacing Base	\$10,000
Safe Surfacing	\$30,000
Playground Equipment*	\$5,000
Installation	\$1,000
Misc.	\$1,000
TOTAL COST:	\$50,000

*Playground equipment has been purchased

**All are approximate costs based on bids.

AUGUST 2020 UPDATE:

ONLY \$12000 MORE NEEDED TO REACH OUR GOAL

How will we pay for improvements?

With contributions from you and other community members! The Durant PTO is fundraising and applying for grants to help with the costs. We have written several grants and have already received Community Foundation of Cedar County Grant, and the Roy J Carver Grant. With previous funding and grants we have begun making improvements including the addition of a sensory wall, purchasing replacement straps for an inclusive swing and a new inclusive spinner.

How Can You Help?

Thank You for your contribution as we work to fund our project. Every donation will help us reach our goal. We appreciate your support and would like to offer the following incentives. Please fill out the attached form and mail it before March 31st to be entered into the raffle(s).

The PTO is a 501 (c)3 non-profit.

Individual & Family Donor **\$25 OR \$50**

Name recognition on donor plaque,
\$25 Single Name (John Smith)
\$50 Family Name (The Smith Family)

Entered into drawing for:
1 of 4 PTO spirit wear t-shirt

Other Information

All Grant greater than \$2500 will be named on the donor sign.

Donors who contribute financially as well as in-kind will have their donations combined and recognized as one donation.

Any funds raised above and beyond our goal will be used towards future PTO projects.

Blue Level Donor **\$250-\$1,499**

Business or Family Name on plaque published in paper, listed on website and posted on social media

Recognized on plaque at PTO events
2 admission tickets to our Vendor Show

Entered into drawing for:
1 of 5 Pair of Durant Athletics tickets and two wildcat koozies.

Gold Level Donor **\$1,500-\$4,999**

Previous level of recognition, plus certificate of recognition at the ground-breaking ceremony

Entered into drawing for:
1 of 5 Durant Athletics five ticket punch card and two wildcat koozies
1 of 5 Insulated Wildcat Tumblers

Diamond Level Donor **\$5,000-\$9,999**

Previous levels of recognition, plus participation in the ground-breaking ceremony with shovel and hard hat

Entered into drawing for:
1 of 2 One year passes for Durant Athletics
1 of 2 PTO spirit wear sweatshirt
A \$100 gift card to Rhythm City

Platinum Level Donor **\$10,000+**

Previous levels of recognition, plus naming rights (only available to the first platinum donor)

Role in ribbon cutting ceremony
Permanent recognition signage at site

ALL DONORS WILL RECIEVE
A LIFETIME pass for Durant Athletics

*Durant Athletics Tickets can be used for athletic event hosted at Durant School 7/31/20-7/30/21