

How to spot Playground Tech

In Coding as a Playground (2020), Professor Marina Bers writes that children's technology experiences should be as fun, physical, and collaborative as experiences on a playground. But what does "playground tech" look like?



Whole-Child Play

Playground Tech provides opportunities for all different kinds of play, allowing children to grow their cognitive, physical, social, and emotional skills.

Look for children using their bodies, expressing emotions, and solving problems.



Child-Directed Play

On a playground, kids make the rules and adults play along. Playground tech puts kids in the driver's seat, and lets them make their own rules.

Look for tools that allow customization, coding, and few or no "wrong" ways to play.



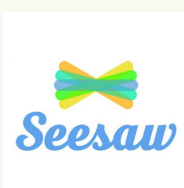
Shareable Digital Creations

Part of a playground is sharing ideas and games with other children. In a digital playground, children can create, edit, and share virtual creations with the play community.

Look for ways to save and share projects the tech tool, or ways to connect (safely) with an online community

Tech Playground or Tech Playpen?

Do you think these common tech tools for children support more open-ended playground learning or safe, adult-directed playpen activities?



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