

Brabeion Academy

Request for Proposal: Playground Equipment

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1. Introduction and Background

Brabeion Academy is Idaho's first public school of sport, a tuition-free, no-pay-to-play K-8 public charter school opening August 24, 2026, at 1551 11th Ave N, Nampa, Idaho 83687. Brabeion integrates classical academics, athletic development, and ethical formation into a cohort-based instructional model.

Brabeion Academy is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to design, supply, and install outdoor play equipment for two age-differentiated play areas on its campus. This is not a request for a traditional playground. The play areas are intended as a purposeful extension of Brabeion's athletic development program, designed specifically to build foundational movement skills, balance, and coordination rather than to serve as general recreational attractions. Vendors should be mindful of this purpose throughout their proposed design.

2. Scope of Work

The Academy requires design, supply, and installation of equipment for two distinct play zones, as described below. Vendors are encouraged to propose a cohesive, purpose-built concept for each zone rather than a standard catalog assembly.

Zone 1: Grades K-2 (Approx. 3,000 sq. ft.)

Zone 1 should emphasize foundational movement and coordination for early elementary students. Equipment categories of interest include:

- Low balance beams and stepping elements scaled to early elementary height and ability
- Small climbers appropriate for young children
- Basic agility elements, such as crawl-throughs and low balance challenges
- Motor-skill and coordination panels, such as tactile or throwing-target elements
- Age-appropriate outdoor sports equipment (e.g., mini goals, target/throwing stations) suited to early elementary ability levels

Zone 2: Grades 3-8 (Approx. 4,000 sq. ft.)

Zone 2 should emphasize athletic development, balance, and agility for upper elementary and middle school students. Equipment categories of interest include:

- Traverse walls or low climbing walls
- Balance and agility courses, such as balance beams, stepping pods, and wobble elements
- Fixed agility circuits or coordination ladders
- Functional movement elements supporting upper-body and full-body coordination
- Challenge course elements (e.g., low ropes-style obstacles, net crossings, balance/agility challenge stations)

- Outdoor sports and athletic-development equipment (e.g., multi-sport wall targets, agility/speed training stations)

Both zones should be kept intentionally simple and purpose-driven. The Academy is not seeking a fully loaded traditional playground with a wide variety of recreational attractions. Vendors should prioritize equipment that measurably supports coordination, balance, and general athletic development over volume of features.

Ground Surface

Brabeion Academy plans to use turf or sod as the ground surface for both play zones. All proposed equipment must be suitable for installation on a turf or sod surface, including anchoring methods, base/footing requirements, and fall-height ratings appropriate for a natural or synthetic grass surface rather than engineered fall-zone material. Vendors should identify the maximum fall height rating of each proposed component and confirm it is appropriate for the intended ground surface under ASTM F1487 and CPSC guidance.

Vendors may optionally propose additional impact-attenuating surfacing (e.g., safety-rated turf systems, poured-in-place rubber, or engineered wood fiber) beneath specific high fall-height components as a separate, clearly itemized line item. Any optional surfacing proposed must be included within the Academy's all-in budget described in Section 6.

Optional Enhancement: Brabeion Branding

Custom color matching to Brabeion Academy's brand colors, Guardian Red (#A10101) and Brabeion Blue (#0E1334), on select equipment components is welcome but not required. Vendors offering this option should itemize any associated cost separately, and any such cost must be included within the Academy's all-in budget described in Section 6.

3. Site and Installation Requirements

- Zone 1 (K-2): approximately 3,000 sq. ft.
- Zone 2 (Grades 3-8): approximately 4,000 sq. ft.
- Preferred installation completion date: August 24, 2026 (first day of school)
- If the preferred installation date is not feasible given lead times and site conditions, Vendors must clearly state their earliest achievable installation date
- Vendors are responsible for confirming exact site dimensions, access, and any grading or drainage considerations via site visit prior to submission

4. Compliance Requirements

All proposed equipment must meet the following standards at minimum:

- ASTM F1487 (Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment)
- CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook compliance
- IPEMA certification
- ADA 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, including an accessible route to each zone and the minimum required number of ground-level and elevated accessible play components

Vendors must disclose all applicable manufacturer warranty terms, including structural and surface finish warranties, as part of their proposal.

5. Vendor Qualifications

Proposals should include:

- Company background and years of experience in commercial or institutional playground design and installation
- Relevant experience with school-based or athletic-development-focused play environments
- At least three references from comparable projects, including school clients if available
- Certificates of insurance

6. Cost Proposal

Brabeion Academy's all-in budget for this project is \$70,000. This figure covers equipment, installation, and any proposed optional add-ons (supplemental impact-attenuating surfacing, custom branding, etc.) for both zones on a turf or sod ground surface. Vendors should ensure their total proposal, including any optional items they recommend, fits within this all-in budget.

Vendors should provide a fully itemized cost proposal that separately identifies:

- Equipment cost by zone
- Installation and labor cost
- Any site preparation costs anticipated
- Optional supplemental impact-attenuating surfacing cost (itemized separately, if proposed, and included in the all-in total)
- Optional custom branding/color-matching cost (itemized separately, if proposed, and included in the all-in total)
- Any recommended base bid vs. alternate configurations to help the Academy understand tradeoffs within the \$70,000 all-in budget

7. Proposal Format

Vendors should organize their proposals to address each section of this RFP. Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF and should include, at minimum:

- Company background and overview
- Proposed design concept for each zone, consistent with the purpose described in Section 1
- Compliance statement addressing each requirement in Section 4
- Vendor qualifications and references (Section 5)
- Fully itemized cost proposal (Section 6)
- Proposed installation timeline, including confirmation of, or an alternative to, the August 24, 2026 target date
- Certificates of insurance

Proposals that are incomplete or that fail to address compliance requirements may be disqualified at the Academy's discretion.

8. Submission and Timeline

Milestone	Date	Details
RFP Issued	June 30, 2026	Posted at brabeion.org/legal-rfqs-and-rfps
Optional Site Walkthrough	July 8, 2026 12:00 PM MDT	1551 11th Ave N, Nampa, ID 83687. RSVP to bobbie.gregory@brabeion.org with subject line “Playground RFP Walkthrough.”
Proposal Submission Deadline	July 15, 2026 5:00 PM MDT	Email to bobbie.gregory@brabeion.org . Subject line: Playground Equipment RFP.
Vendor Selection	Anytime after July 15, 2026	No fixed selection date. The Academy may select a Vendor at any point after the submission deadline.

Priority will be given to proposals received by the July 15, 2026 deadline. The Academy reserves the right to select a Vendor at any time after the deadline and is under no obligation to wait until a specific date to make a selection.

9. Other Considerations

- This RFP does not commit Brabeion Academy to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal.
- The Academy reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to negotiate with any Vendor, at its sole discretion.
- The Academy reserves the right to request clarification or additional information from any Vendor.
- All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Bobbie Gregory, Board Clerk, at bobbie.gregory@brabeion.org.