



Lunchroom Visitor **Rules/Expectations** **2026-27**

- 1. We have a designated table for lunchroom visitors. All visitors will eat at this table with their student.** This enables the adult to interact with the student they are here to see and doesn't displace other students from full lunch tables.
- 2. Only eat with your student (we will not be adding friends to tables).** This keeps any outside food with the family that brought it, provides the visitor with the desired time with their student, and eliminates friend-choosing drama.
- 3. Please limit visits to special occasions.** We want students to utilize our lunch time as an opportunity for their social growth and independence- an important part of their day.

No Lunchroom Visitors for the First 6 Weeks of School (Oct 19th will be our first day open for lunch):

1. Build student autonomy- the first few weeks of school are a critical period for establishing routines and developing independence
2. Encourage student interaction- we want to encourage students to interact with their new classmates and develop social skills
3. Preventing disruptions- parent visits during lunch can create separation issues for that student, or other students, that disrupt the rest of the day

No Lunchroom Visitors for the Last 3 Weeks of School (May 7 will be our last day open for lunch):

1. Behavior and Routine Consistency- Keeping routines predictable helps maintain student behavior and classroom focus. We want our staff to be able to focus on helping maintain routines during a high-energy time of year that also includes logistical changes in schedules with field trips, grade-level parties, and many special events.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
K	11:30-11:50
5	11:50-12:10
1	12:10-12:30
2	12:30-12:50
3	12:45-1:05
4	1:00-1:20

Final Day for Lunchroom

Visitors- May 14

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