

CASIS ELEMENTARY

CAFETERIA & PLAYGROUND MONITOR VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

Why do we need cafeteria and playground monitors?

Psychologists have made it clear that unstructured playtime is critical for children in the healthy development of their social skills and sense of self. Some schools have had to sacrifice lunch recess because they are unable to provide adequate playground supervision. In addition to our paid monitors, our parent volunteers provide valuable assistance to our students in the cafeteria and help to ensure they enjoy a lunch recess every day.

Getting started...

Please stop by the health office and put on a blue apron or vest. This will help you be more easily identifiable to the students should they need help. Then take a moment to introduce yourself to the paid monitors and feel free to use them as a resource if you have questions or problems.

CAFETERIA RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Help students with lunches.
- Remind student to use quiet voices.
- Assist students with lining up properly at the cafeteria door before being dismissed to the playground.
- Remind students to WALK quietly through the hallways.
- Ensure that no students are walking alone in the hallways.

NOTE: The paid monitors will move the flower to each table at dismissal time.

PLAYGROUND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Don't be afraid to be in charge! There are a lot of students on the playground during lunch recess and the playscape can be a pretty active place.
- Circulate around the playscape, swing area and basketball court.
- Remind students to comply with safety rules.
- Refer students with scrapes and bumps to the paid monitor who has the first aid kit. If the student wants to go to the health office, please ask him/her to take a friend.

NOTE: Students are not allowed in the forest at lunch recess.

Please see reverse side for rules and expectations.

VOLUNTEER MONITOR “CHEAT SHEET”

CAFETERIA BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Students should:

- use quiet, indoor voices
- exhibit restaurant behavior
- stay seated while eating
- walk in the cafeteria
- wait until the server comes before leaving the table to dispose of trash
- clean up their own messes when possible

NOTE:

- students who do not have a lunch may purchase a cafeteria tray *even if they don't have money in their cafeteria account*
- cafeteria food will be replaced if it is dropped on the floor
- each table should have two students assigned to wipe tables
- students may stay in the cafeteria for their entire 30-minute lunch period if they wish
- the principal will make an announcement if students will not be allowed outside due to inclement weather.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS IN THE CAFETERIA

“Thank you for using your inside voice.”

“Please walk in the cafeteria.”

“Please....(make a clear and direct request).”

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COOPERATION

“Please move your lunch away from....(friend, problem, etc.)”

“You need to stay with me while the other children leave for the playground.”

“I need a three minutes of your time before you go outside.”

PLAYGROUND RULES & EXPECTATIONS

Students should:

- stay in view of monitors
- use the ladder for getting up the slide and go down on their bottoms
- use the swings correctly and safely
- never play wallball, or push and tackle each other
- never play around or run in between the portable buildings

SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS ON THE PLAYGROUND

“Please follow the rules for slide/swing safety.”

“Pushing and tackling need to stop.”

“I need you to follow the rules or I will have to ask you to stop this activity.”

“Please stay with me, or sit at the picnic table for the next three minutes.”