

# The Rice School/La Escuela Rice Policies and General Information

## Cafeteria Policies

Students may choose to purchase a lunch or bring a lunch and eat in the dining room. All other areas are off-limits during lunch. Your assigned lunch period is an opportunity to enjoy being with your friends and enjoy a well-prepared lunch from the cafeteria, sack lunch from home or for middle school students, food from the snack bar. The following guidelines will assist all students in making lunchtime a more enjoyable experience.

- Arrive on time or early to lunch. (Being late to lunch without a permit is being tardy).
- Purchase all food items desired from line or snack bar before entering the seating area of the cafeteria.
- Student should go immediately to a chosen seat and once there, must remain seated until lunch is completed. If you need to leave your seat, you must get permission from one of the adults on duty.
- Upon completion of lunch, dispose of all trash in trash cans and place soda cans in recycling bin. Return to the same seat and remain there until dismissed from the cafeteria.
- At the five minute signal clean your eating area (table and floor) while one volunteer wipes the table with a cloth.
- When dismissed from the cafeteria, elementary students WALK to assigned lineup area and middle school students may exit to the outside area for recreation.

Remember to BE COURTEOUS. Keep the noise level at a whisper.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** – Enjoying the outdoors with your friends at lunch is a **group privilege** shared by all students assigned to your lunch period. The guidelines and consequences for cafeteria dining are relevant outside too. As a consequence of inappropriate behavior outside, the staff monitor can assign individuals to ISS and/or choose to close outside off to all students in that lunch period. Outside recreation is privilege which carries group responsibility; responsibility that goes beyond your personal space. Encourage other students to behave responsibly so this privilege may continue. Encourage others to dispose of their trash responsibly. Do not complain about cleaning up “unidentified trash” and/or trash that may appear in your area.