DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIOD--TEACHERS

Except in cases of emergency, teachers will have a 30-minute duty-free lunch period. During their lunch period, teachers may leave the school grounds except in cases of emergency requiring their presence. Teachers are requested to eat lunch in the dining room or other area as may be designated by the principal for this purpose. The Florida Sanitary Code (10D-13 FAC) states that kitchen production and storage areas are not to be used for eating and smoking. Teachers who leave the school grounds during their lunch period must be present in their rooms when the students return from lunch.

Supervision of Students during Lunch - Dining Room Aide

The principal is responsible for seeing that proper behavior is maintained during the lunch period. Supervision of students in elementary schools during the lunch period may be accomplished by working closely with the Parent-Teacher/Parent-Teacher-Student Association. A schedule for parents to voluntarily supervise students during the lunch period may be arranged.

Dining room aides may be employed with the approval of the region superintendent. They are responsible to the principal for the supervision of students during breakfast and lunch and shall be employed according to the staffing formula contained in administrative directives. Aides will be employed and assigned those duties as provided or stipulated in State regulations.

Only food service personnel are to receive meals without payment. Dining room aides are not to receive a uniform allowance and are not required to have a health examination.

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