



Principals have the flexibility to make school-based decisions for their noon supervision programs.

Please check with your school for specific information about their noon supervision program.

Noon Supervision Information for Families

The Calgary Board of Education provides students with the option to stay at school for lunch. Noon Supervision is offered to all students in Grades 1- 6 and in our full-day kindergarten programs for an annual fee. Students in these grades require direct supervision during the lunch hour, regardless of the grade configuration of the school or the mode of transportation the students use to get to and from school each day.

You can expect the following for your noon supervision fees:

- A safe and caring environment for students to eat lunch.
- Supervision for the entire noon lunch period, unless the student is signed out by a parent/guardian.
- Daily attendance will be taken.
- Students must remain on school grounds, unless written permission has been provided to the school by a parent/guardian.
- A dedicated space for eating.
- Only students that have registered and paid the noon supervision fee can access the service:
 - The CBE has a [waiver process](#) for families who can't afford to pay the fees.
 - Note | Use of service indicates that the Parent/Guardian accepts the terms and the responsibility to pay the annual fee.
- Income tax receipts are issued for noon supervision fees that may be included as child care expenses for income tax purposes.
- Noon supervision fees are directed to providing lunchroom supervisors

What noon service is not:

- Guaranteed access to a table and chair.
- An assigned seat.
- Access to food or snacks; students are required to bring a lunch.
- Access to hot water, microwave or other cooking facilities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are students required to be supervised?

Our [Administrative Regulation 3048 – Noon Services](#) states that all schools offering programs to Grades 1-6 and full-day kindergarten students (regardless of the school's grade configuration) must offer a noon supervision service.

Why do I need to pay noon supervision fees?

Noon supervision services provide participating students with supervision while they are eating and during the noon period activities. Families of students staying at school during the lunch period are required to pay the annual noon supervision fee. Revenue from these fees are used by schools to hire lunchroom supervisors. Income tax receipts are issued for noon supervision fees: receipts may be included as child care expenses for income tax purposes.

Does my child have to stay at school during the lunch hour?

No, your child is not required to participate in noon services if they are signed out from the school or other arrangements are made for their supervision. Families are responsible for ensuring care is provided.

Why doesn't noon supervision look the same for all students, regardless of the school they attend?

The CBE provides flexible options, based on school configuration, for students during the noon period. Principals have the flexibility to make school-based decisions for their noon supervision programs based on the building layout, overall school utilization and grade configuration in the school. For example, some of our older buildings have a cafeteria in the school that students are able to access; other schools are at capacity and have limited space to use during the lunch period.

How does the level of supervision in middle schools differ from the level that students in older grades at the same school receive?

Our schools provide supervision for all students inside of school buildings and on school property during the lunch period. The difference is that students in Grade 7 and above are not supervised by dedicated lunch supervisors.

Why aren't the students in Grade 7 and above charged for noon supervision?

The supervision of the older grades is not done by dedicated Lunch Supervisors hired using revenue from noon supervision fees. Some schools may charge a lunchtime activity fee, but that revenue is used to supplement equipment and/or materials for noon hour activities.

My child is not supervised on Calgary Transit coming to school, why do they need supervision at lunch?

Parents choose how their students get to and from school. When a student accesses public transportation services, the parent is responsible for supervising the student's access and use of that service.

Transportation is not related noon supervision. The *School Act* requires the CBE to be responsible for the supervision of students while in school and on the school grounds and our Administration Regulation 3048 requires all schools offering full-day kindergarten to Grade 6 programming must offer noon supervision services.

What if my child only stays over the lunch period on certain days?

Many schools will allow students who normally go home over the lunch break to remain at school occasionally. The student will be charged a daily drop-in fee and expected to adhere to the same rules and expectations for all other students during the lunch period.

Can my child still participate in clubs or intramurals offered over the noon period?

Yes, students can participate in clubs and/or intramurals. Some schools may charge a lunchtime activity fee, but that revenue is used to supplement equipment and/or materials for these activities.

What if my family cannot afford to pay the noon supervision fees?

The CBE has a waiver process for families who can't afford to pay the fees. Visit <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/Waivers.aspx> for more information about the application process. If you do not meet the criteria, you may declare a financial hardship to your school principal. Your principal will work with you to either come up with a manageable payment schedule, or recommend the CBE waive part or all of your fees.