

# Cafeteria Policy

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## *Noise Intervention and Monitoring*

The lunch period is a time for students to talk and interact with their fellow students. However, when there are a large number of students in one location there have to be policies and procedures in place to maintain a safe, respectful, and accountable environment for all individuals. To assist with this, the school and PFA have purchased “traffic lights” which are decibel tracking noise monitors. These will allow students to monitor themselves, and be responsible for maintaining a proper and civil level of communication. The light will be on green when sound is below the set decibel level. It will transition to a flashing yellow light if the volume starts to exceed the indicated parameter, and will move to red if the volume reaches 15 decibels above the set level. If the students see the light transition to yellow and they decrease their volume, the light will transition back to green. If the light moves to red the following interventions will take place:

- 1<sup>st</sup> red light- The Administration/Staff will provide the students with a warning.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> red light- Students will be on a 3 minute silent lunch.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> red light- Students will be on an 8 minute silent lunch.
- After the 3<sup>rd</sup> warning, any student that is caught being disruptive will receive a lunch room referral. (Consequences will be based on the criteria stated in the Clay County School District Discipline Policies and Procedures.)

We will also be offering positive reinforcement by rewarding grades that do well at controlling their noise level. Part of this reinforcement will be asking educational trivia questions during lunch. Students that answer questions correctly will win tickets for age appropriate prizes such as a treasure box of small toys for younger grades, or a la carte cafeteria items (cookies, juice, chips, ice cream).

We want to ensure that all students are aware of the rules and expectations so everyone can enjoy a safe cafeteria environment. All students will be notified of the policy prior to its integration in the cafeteria. This policy will take effect beginning April 25, 2016.