

SMART lunch Student FAQs

Who can go off campus and how will we all get off campus?

Juniors and seniors may apply to go off campus next year and will get a color-coded ID as their ticket to leave at lunch.

We will be opening the exit at the bus parking lot for the students to have an additional exit. This will allow students to turn either direction on Falls of Neuse and relieve some traffic. Based upon location in the parking lot, we will have designated traffic flow patterns to relieve jams in the lot. At each exit, there will be someone posted to check IDs to ensure that only those students with lunch passes are leaving campus.

But really – how can we all get off campus at the same time?

If everyone makes a mad dash to a car and tries to leave campus at the same time it will be crazy and lines to leave will be long. Students will need to learn to self-regulate, just like we do leaving in the afternoons. Some students will find that it is better to stick around for a little while (get some teacher help, etc) and THEN leave campus – that way they avoid the lines in the parking lot. You have 60 minutes – there is no reason to all try to leave at once.

What about the lunch lines, won't those be really long too?

Again, if everyone tries to run and get in a lunch line immediately at that first bell, then yes, the lines will be really long and chaotic. However, if you wait – go to intramurals, get teacher help, go to the library, etc – you will probably find that the lines are much more reasonable later at lunch.

We are also restructuring the layout in the cafeteria to help with lines. There will be 2 hot lunch lines (like we have now in the front of the cafeteria). In the middle of the front we will have a sandwich/salad line. In the back where the a la carte line is now, we will have a pizza line. We will also be setting up at least two “grab and go” kiosks near the gym and media center where you can get sandwiches, cookies, etc. You will need your ID to get food – so have your ID and money ready to reduce the time it takes in line.

Where are we all going to eat?

You can eat in the cafeteria at the tables, at the locker bay areas as long as you pick up your trash, in the classrooms of teachers who allow it, and at an outside courtyard area we will be setting up near the trailers #1-8.

For those of you going off campus, you can probably try out some restaurants that aren't right up the road and won't have lines as long. You now have more time to get somewhere and back.

Can we just hang out in the cafeteria for 60 minutes?

If you are in the cafeteria, you will be required to either be in line getting food or seating on a stool at the table. You will not be allowed to just stand around and hang out in the cafeteria. If you want to do this – go somewhere else (locker bays, outside courtyard, etc). The cafeteria is strictly for getting and eating lunch.

There will be a bell halfway through the lunch period to signal that everyone should be moving on to another activity – remediation, intramurals, club meetings, media center, lunch, etc. We will be encouraging everyone to move at this point.

Can we stay off campus for the 60 minutes?

Yes. However, you will probably want to take advantage of everything going on at SMART lunch. During this time teachers will be holding tutorial sessions (you can make up work, get extra help, do your homework, etc), there will be intramurals, club meetings will be going on different days, you can go to the media center and use the computers or work on classwork with friends, you can meet with your counselor, and any number of things offered on different days. If you are needing help in a class or have make up work to do, teachers are going to require that you come during SMART lunch to do this rather than after school.

What all can I do during SMART lunch?

Besides eating lunch, this is a great time to get things done! If you need to make up work or need help in a subject – go to that teacher. Every day different subjects will be offering tutorial sessions (there will be a set schedule for this) for you to work with your teacher, make up tests, etc. If you didn't do your homework for 3rd or 4th period, you now have 60 minutes to get this done! Or, you can spend this time doing homework you were just assigned in 1st or 2nd period. Are you working on a group project? This is a great time to all get together in the library, classroom, etc. Are you involved in different clubs? Many clubs will hold their meetings on different days during this time. Do you want to just get some energy out? Intramurals will be going on Tuesday, Wed, and Thursday each week. The small gym will offer activities like Ping Pong, while there will be more organized activities (basketball, volleyball, etc) going on in the large gym or outside (the schedule will be set next year). The library will be open every day during SMART lunch – you just need to sign in with your ID. This is a great time to use the computers to type up that paper that's due, study with a friend, check out a new book to read, etc. Want to talk to your counselor or meet with college representatives?? This is the perfect time for it! The list just goes on and on!!

With everyone at lunch at the same time, will it be safe?

Yes. There will be 3 administrators in the cafeteria at all times along with at least 4 faculty members. Different faculty members will be on duty EVERY DAY in all areas where students will be (on each wing in the building, outside, etc). For each part of lunch, 20 + teachers will be scattered throughout the campus to ensure that everyone is acting appropriately, throwing away trash, etc. If you ever have any issues, a faculty member will be close by.