# Lunch & Recess

Roosevelt School

## Lunch 30 MINUTES

- Students eat in a large space for two quarters with cafeteria style seating 70–90 students.
- Students eat in a small space/classroom space with 15 to 20 students for two quarters.

## Recess 30 MINUTES

- Weather permitting, students have recess on the field (Centennial Park) and the playground. If field is too wet, grade levels alternate being on the playground every other day and the other grade level has access to the North Gym.
- During inclement weather students have recess in assigned classrooms. There are a variety of board games, activities, and movies to watch or general socializing.
- 10 clubs are available for students to participate in during lunchtime.

### Recent Changes

- Students have access to the North Gym during inclement weather
- Students are "screen free" for lunch recess.
- Students have access to games, board games, and whole group video shows and movies.

### Changes Next Year

- Student lunch survey
- Activity boxes and cabinets for indoor recess days
- Student lunch preference form (large or small space)
- Trimester instead of quarterly rotation for lunch

## Lunchtime design constraints

#### **SPACE**

- Both cafeteria spaces are small for accommodating 150 – 190 students at one time.
- Both cafeteria spaces are instructional spaces after lunch. Custodians only have the passing period to clean it.

Alternating between large and small spaces alleviates the over-crowding and often chaotic atmosphere in the lunchrooms when 150–190 students are eating together

### SUPERVISION

Working lunchtime is optional for teachers. They receive a stipend if they work.

Some lunchtime assignments are difficult to fill. (cafeteria and outdoor supervision).

For 635 students:
41 teachers work during the lunch hour.

Only 24 work both halves

### ISBE Playtime Requirements

The state of Illinois has enacted Public Act 102–0357 in support of play time in Illinois schools. This Public Act, which became effective August 13, 2021, requires that all public schools provide daily time **for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all students in kindergarten through fifth grade.** Other known terms for play time are recess, informal physical activity, free-play recess, unstructured free-play recess, and undirected play.

School District	Lunch Minutes	Recess minutes	Acitities as Recess	#students
Hauser/ Riverside	25	0		553
Komerek	21	21	Outdoor Unstructured	
Clarendon Hills	30	0	Can go out after eating	501
Highlands, LaGrange	34	0	Can go out after eating	425
Gower, Burr Ridge	28	0	Recess for 5th gr only (14 min)	369

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Butler, Oak Brook	30	0	Can go out after eating	195
Pleasantdale B. Ridge	20	20	Outdoor Unstructured	339
Hester, Franklin Pk	42	0	Can go out after eating	445
Roosevelt	30	30	Outdoor Unstructured	635
McClure, Western Sp	30	0		454
Brooks, Oak Park	19	19	Outdoor Unstructured	951

### Thankyou

Questions

