

Can Cafeteria Coaching happen if the middle and high school buildings are not close to the elementary buildings?

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It is still possible to incorporate cafeteria coaching when schools are located at different sites. When there is approval from the school administration to implement this program, there will need to be an understanding between staff at schools involved (elementary and/or middle school/high school) to excuse the upperclassmen during the elementary lunch period. If this event takes place one day per month or even less often, it usually is agreeable to allow the upperclassmen to be excused.

If you have school buildings in the district that are in different towns then there is more to consider. For instance in one of our school districts, the elementary and high school are in one town while the middle school is in another. In this situation, we wouldn't create a cafeteria coaching team with the middle schoolers unless they were to coach their own peers. It would be more fitting to create a high school team to then visit the elementary more easily. If buildings are not interconnected, then students/staff will need to have permission to travel or carpool together for this planned event, which may not be as frequent.