



# Calgary middle school bans food in cafeteria for Ramadan

From [Juno News](#), thanks to RH for pointing me to this story. Ramadan should end tomorrow, but the story is still relevant.

A social media post has gone viral showing that a Calgary public school is forcing students who are not fasting for Ramadan to stop eating in lunch rooms calling the shared space a “No Food Space” to accommodate Muslim students.

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**NEW - CANADIAN SCHOOL DESIGNATES CAFETERIA AND LUNCHROOM AS "NO FOOD ZONES" FOR RAMADAN**

Fairview school in Calgary Alberta has implemented bans all food from its cafeteria and lunchroom for Ramadan

the children who are NOT fasting have to find a spot to hideaway and eat!

Fairview School <fairview@cbe.ab.ca>  
To: You  
Wed 2026-02-18 11:58 AM

**Ramadan**

Dear Families,

As we begin the month of Ramadan, we would like to acknowledge this meaningful time for many of our students, staff, and families. Ramadan is a month of reflection, prayer, generosity, and community. We extend our warm wishes to all who are observing and remain committed to ensuring our school is a supportive and respectful environment for everyone.

To support students who may be fasting, we will be providing designated No Food Spaces during lunch:

- **Grades 4-6:** The Cafeteria will be a No Food Space for the first half of lunch. Students will continue to go outside for the second half of lunch.
- **Grades 7-9:** The Lunchroom will be a No Food Space for the entire lunch hour.
- **On inclement weather days:** The Learning Commons will become a No Food Space for all students in Grades 4-9.

Thank you for your continued partnership in fostering an inclusive and caring school community.

Fairview Admin

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that “no changes have been made” to designated lunch areas but that “accommodations” were made for Ramadan.I

The post shows an email to parents from Fairview School which notifies them of lunch rooms being designated “No Food Spaces” in an effort to be more “inclusive.”

It said that students in Grades 4–6 will not be permitted to eat in the cafeteria for the first half of lunch. Students in Grades 7–9 face an even broader restriction: Their lunchroom will be a “No Food Space for the entire lunch hour.”

“Ramadan is a month of reflection, prayer, generosity, and community,” the message states. The school also thanks parents for helping foster “an inclusive and caring school community.”

In a statement to Juno News, the Calgary Board of Education said schools may make “accommodations” during religious observances. . . The board added that during Ramadan “alternative foodless spaces are available for fasting students so they are not around others who are eating.”

“The school does not provide cafeteria food services,” they said.