

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In an effort to save time and materials in the creation of laminated student meal cards, students will be using something a little more futuristic - a *finger-scan*. The cafeteria will be using a "Touch 'n Go" device that will scan the student's finger and relay the information to a computer where the student's account can be identified. Students will no longer have to worry about keeping up with a card or remembering a number.

The finger-scan system is simple, private, highly secure, and will continue to protect the privacy of students who receive free or reduced price meals.

Fingerprints will **not** be collected. The sole purpose of a finger-scan is to create a number that links the student to his or her account. The scanners are just a way to speed up lunch lines.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Enroll



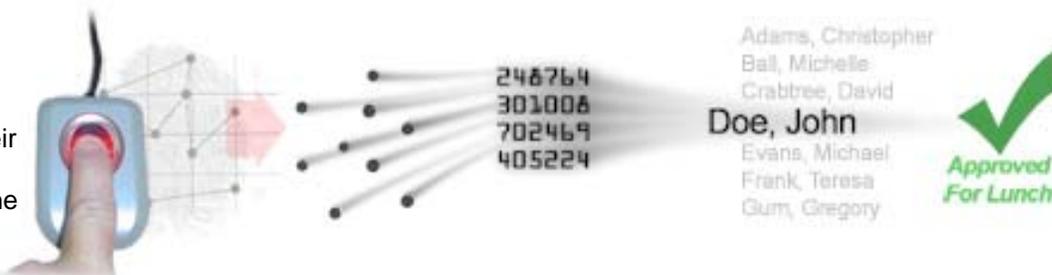
The system uses a scanner to immediately create a student number at the blink of an eye.

The computer system only examines a few points on a student's finger. The number is stored in the computer and recalled when a student goes through the serving line.

The number cannot be turned back into a fingerprint.

At The Serving Line

When your child comes through the serving line, their finger is scanned again and the number is matched to the student's account.



The original scan is **destroyed and no actual fingerprint image remains.**

In addition, students will be closely monitored to ensure that they wash their hands before going through the serving line. Clean hands make clear scans and faster serving lines.

Finger-scan programs are now being used in hundreds of school districts nationwide. Some school districts are even using finger-scans to dispense medicine, take attendance, check out books in the library or ensure that bus-riding students get off at the right stop.

If you or your child would prefer not to use the finger-scan, the student can still be identified by using their ID card or telling the cashier their name.