

# POLICY ————— PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### 9321 – FINGERPRINTING PUPILS

The Board of Education expresses its intent to work cooperatively with the Pequannock Township Police Department to establish appropriate programs that may promote the safety of the children in Pequannock Township. While it is the goal of many agencies to promote safety, the Board assumes a particular responsibility to protect the rights of students and parents/guardians in safety programs. Among the approved programs sanctioned by the Board is that of fingerprinting pupils.

As an integral part of a student fingerprinting program, the Board sets forth basic requirements, as follows:

1. It must be voluntary in nature;
2. Written permission must be obtained from parents/guardians;
3. No pressure, implied or direct, shall be applied to any family choosing not to participate in a fingerprinting program;
4. Provision shall be developed to offer service to new and/or absent students on a periodic basis;
5. Safeguards will be established whereas only one copy of prints may be issued and that copy be given and retained by child's parents/guardians; and
6. Parents/guardians are encouraged to accompany children at the time and place of the fingerprinting process.

Adopted: 24 January 2000