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Opt OUT from Biometric Finger Scans for Student Identification

Hanover Community School Corporation utilizes a biometric finger scanning identification system in order to provide accurate student identification, faster lunch lines, as well as security for student accounts. We have been using this identification system in all of our schools with the exception of K-2 buildings, which include Jane Ball Elementary and Lincoln Elementary for over 10 years, with much success by reducing clerical error, eliminating other students charging meals to another student’s account, and establishing an easier and more accurate way to identify students. We have also provided faster lunch lines which gives the students more time to eat.

What is Biometric Identification?

Biometric identification is an automated method of identifying a person based upon physical or behavioral characteristics. Our school has selected the Biometric Finger Scanning Identification System because it is secure, accurate, cost-effective, safe, and non-intrusive.

How does finger scanning identification work?

Using a finger scanner, the software scans certain unique points on the finger to create and store individual templates that identify each student. When the student returns, the software again scans the finger and looks for a matching template in the database. When a match is found, the student is identified.

What about our students’ privacy?

We are not fingerprinting the students. No fingerprints can be recreated or delivered to any agency - governmental or otherwise.

The software scans the finger for identification. It does not store a copy of the fingerprint. Instead, the software creates a template of the unique points on the finger. The template is converted to a unique number and is referred to as hashing and is stored in the Mealtimes database. The templates are also protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA is the same Federal Law that protects all student records. When your child graduates or is no longer enrolled in the school system, the templates are deleted. At no time is a fingerprint image stored.

I do **not** want my child, _____, to have their finger scanned for identification.

School: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____