



School Year 2022-23

Dear Parent,

Wood County Board of Education has implemented a scanning identification program in an effort to provide security for your child's cafeteria account and provide students an easy way to identify themselves when using the cafeteria in the following cafeterias: Blennerhassett Elementary and Middle School, Edison Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, Jackson Middle School, Van Devender Middle School, Parkersburg High School, Parkersburg South High School, and Williamstown High School.

The finger scan is quick and easy. The only thing your child will have to do to be enrolled is place a finger on the scanner. We use the index fingers on both hands when enrolling a student.

How does finger scanning identification work?

We **DO NOT FINGERPRINT** students with black ink and paper. Using a finger scanner, the software scans the fingerprint to create and store individual templates of unique points that identify each student. When the student returns, the software again scans the finger and looks for a match in the database. When a match is found, the student is identified.

What about my child's privacy?

The software scans the finger for identification. It does not store a copy of the fingerprints. Instead, the software creates a template of the unique fingerprint characteristics. NO ONE can take these templates and make a fingerprint to use to identify your child. These templates are stored in the school's database with the same high level of security of all of your child's 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. No fingerprints can be recreated to delivered to an agency – governmental or otherwise.

Thanks for being involved!

It is important to us that your child's experience in school is educational and regarding. We hope you will find this new way of identifying your child to be safe, easy, accurate, and more efficient than the current system.

If you have questions about the finger scan system, call Hollie W. Best, Director of Food Service at 304-420-9631 extension 101.

Forms will be available at school office if you do not want your child to use to use the finger scan system.

Sincerely,

Hollie W. Best, MBA, RD, LD
Child Nutrition Director

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I DO NOT want my child to use the finger scan system.
(Please print the following information)

Student's Name: _____ School: _____

Student Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____