

Information on Fingerprint Program for Food Service

In the next several weeks Lewistown District #97's Food Service will be transitioning to a new system to track students' participation in our lunch programs at both schools. The system will be tied to our Student Information System and will replace the dated pencil and paper system currently in use. It will allow us to more accurately calculate student balances and to alert parents when accounts are low. It will also allow us to more closely monitor our subsidized lunch programs. The new system runs on a finger scan identification system which will require us to scan each student's index finger to add to each student's database. Once a student's finger scan is in the system, it will not be necessary to put any further identification in the system for the remainder of that student's time in District #97. Funds will still be deposited through each school office or at the point of sale at each school, and will appear in each student's account at the point of sale.

Safety Information on the Finger Scan Program for Food Service

The finger scan database is on the servers at both the High School and Grade School with no connection to a 3rd party. There is no 3rd party way to release the student information.

A Finger Scan never records an image of a finger print. It reads the ridges and valleys of the skin and creates a number that is the finger scan. From that number it auto encrypts the number before it is saved so it cannot be recreated into an actual finger print. This will speed up time in the lunch lines at each school, prevent lost ID cards, and allow parents to check daily for updates on fund balances, providing accuracy in accounting. The set-up of the system has been supervised by Dean Clary, head of Technology Services for Spoon River College. District #97 personnel is currently being trained in its use. We are looking forward to this update which should make the lunch program run much more smoothly and effectively. Finger Scan Day for students has been tentatively set for September 7, 2017.