

EPSD Cafeteria Finger Scanning System

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the finger scanning system?

The finger scanning system is a computerized system that allows students to quickly enter or exit the breakfast and lunch line by swiping their finger across a scanner to tie the meal to the student's account.

2. Why did the school choose to implement a finger scanning system rather than a PIN system?

The finger scanning system was the last option for the district. This system allows students to quickly enter and exit the lunch line by swiping their finger across a scanner to tie the meal to their account. It is the district's thought that this system would be much easier for all students in the district grades 1-12. There is no possibility that a student's meal could be tied to the wrong account and all students in the district would not have to worry with forgetting a PIN or their ID Card.

3. If my child brings their own lunch, will they still need to be scanned?

If your child brings his/her own lunch, the student will not need to swipe his/her finger or even enter the lunch line. Since the student is bringing his or her own lunch, the school will not be receiving a refund for serving the student a meal.

4. If I do not want my child to participate in this, can I opt-out?

Yes, you can opt-out your child from participating in this. You will need to visit your child's school office and fill out an opt-out form for each child you have in the district. Your child will then need to state his or her name when entering or exiting the lunch line instead of swiping his/her finger. The cashier will then manually look up your child's name to mark that the student received a meal.

5. If I opt-out my child from this system, will he or she still be served a lunch?

Yes, your child will still receive a meal. He or she will just need to state his or her name when arriving at the finger scan system. This will allow the cashier to manually look up your child's name to mark that the student received a meal.