

Kids Buy Lunch With Finger Scans



Maybe there were a few times when you forgot the money or the card you use to pay for lunch. Now kids at some schools can never forget their lunch money -- it's in their fingertip!

To pay for their lunches, students at some schools put their finger on a machine called a scanner. The scanner remembers special things about each student's fingerprint. When the student comes to buy lunch, the scanner knows the student's fingerprint and deducts money from his or her lunch-money account.

Teachers in some schools that use finger scanners say they are happy they don't have to collect lunch money. Lunch lines move much faster too. Students are glad they don't have to worry about losing their lunch money.

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Schools in Rome, Georgia, are using fingerprint scanners in their cafeterias. Before the scanners were put into place, students punched a secret PIN number into a machine. With the fingerprint scanner, kids don't have to remember a PIN number.

Students also use finger scanners in some schools to check out books from the library.

Schools are not the only places using finger scanners. Some colleges use scanners in their cafeterias. People who buy season passes for Walt Disney World also use finger scanners to get into the parks.

MORE FACTS ABOUT FINGER SCANNERS

- One school is thinking of using finger scanners to make sure students who don't speak English well get on the right school bus.
- Finger scanners don't save your fingerprint -- just a code to help it remember who you are.

THINK ABOUT THE NEWS

Think about other possible uses of fingerprint-scanning technology.
Make a list of other places where it might be used.