



Tolland Food & Nutrition Services

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

All Tollard Schools have a Point-of-Sale (POS) system in their cafeterias. This technology allows us to provide debit accounts for purchases and increases the speed of food service to students, so they have more time to eat and relax. The POS system also eliminates the overt identification of students who are eligible for free or reduced meal benefits.

The identification of students with our POS is with a biometric finger-imaging device. We have been using this same technology since 2002. The device converts the finger image into a numbered pattern that is then stored for future identification at the point-of-service. **This system is NOT associated with fingerprints. It CANNOT be used to identify students by lifting fingerprints and comparing them with the digital finger image.** The fingerprint is NOT stored in the computer. This is a positive identification system, only your child can access his/her account.

During the first couple of weeks of your child's enrollment, we will register the image of your child's index fingers. This will only have to be done once while your child is enrolled in the Tollard school system. The information stored on the POS system is only for use by this software in our department. There are several layers of security built into this software and the school district network. This is a closed system, and it is not accessible from the Internet. If you do not want your child's finger image to be taken, please put your request in writing and return directly to the Food Service Office at the address above or kmecteau@tolland.k12.ct.us within 10 days of your child attending Tollard Public Schools. If no written notification is received, your child's finger will be scanned.

We are proud of the quality of the food service program we offer in Tollard Schools, and we do our best to keep our customers happy and well nourished. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at the Food & Nutrition Services office at 860-870-6854 or aharned@tolland.k12.ct.us.

Sincerely,

Abby Kassman-Harned
Director of Food & Nutrition Services
Tollard Public Schools

