

Privacy Policy Recommendation



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Biometric information means the noninvasive electronic measurement and evaluation of any physical characteristics that are uniquely attributable to a single person, including fingerprint characteristics, eye characteristics, hand characteristics, vocal characteristics, facial characteristics and any other physical characteristics used for the purpose of electronically identifying that person with a high degree of certainty.

identiMetrics recommends that schools consider adopting a policy in regards to student privacy participation in the biometric identification program. Below is a sample for consideration.

1. Prior to collecting biometric information from a student, the school district shall provide notification of the intent to do so to the parents, or the individual who has legal custody of the student, or to the student if he or she has reached the age of 18. Two weeks between notification and the actual collection of biometric information shall be given in order to allow a response to refuse participation in the biometric identification program. A request not to participate in the biometric identification program shall be made in writing by the parents, or the individual who has legal custody of the student, or the student if he or she has reached the age of 18. Failure to respond with a request not to participate in the biometric identification program shall be considered as giving permission for the student to participate.
2. All biometric information shall be destroyed within 30 days after (a) the student's graduation or withdrawal from the school district; or (b) upon receipt in writing of a request for discontinuation of participation in the biometric identification program by the parents, or the individual having legal custody of the student, or by the student if he or she has reached the age of 18.
3. The biometric information is to be used solely by the school district for identification or fraud prevention.
4. The school district will not sell, lease, or disclose any biometric information to any other person or entity.
5. The choice for the student not to participate in the biometric identification program by the parents, or the individual who has legal custody of the student, or by the student, if he or she has reached the age of 18, must not be the basis for refusal of any services otherwise available to the student.