

FINGERPRINTING FAQs

Why is the San Mateo-Foster City School District requiring fingerprinting?

Volunteers who work directly with students and are NOT in the presence of a certificated teacher **must** be fingerprinted including those who drive students on field trips. Fingerprinting is only required ONCE from each volunteer and is maintained at the district level. The file will remain active and applicable even if your student changes schools.

What if a parent is volunteering in the classroom, do they need to be fingerprinted?

No. This practice does not affect any volunteer work or support activities provided under the general supervision of a certificated employee such as a teacher or principal.

How do I sign up for a fingerprinting appointment?

Visit the school website and find “Fingerprinting Information” located under Quick Links on the Home Page. It contains all the information for appointments, locations and fees.

Do I have to be fingerprinted every year?

No. This is a one-time requirement and the fingerprinting is good through your child’s 8th grade year. Be sure to list all children, including younger siblings not yet in school. This will keep your fingerprinting scan current through your youngest child’s 8th grade year.

If I have children at more than one school, do I need to be fingerprinted for each school?

No. You only need to be fingerprinted once for all children attending the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

What if a parent has already been fingerprinted by another agency, do they still need to be fingerprinted?

Yes. Agencies do not share fingerprinting information for privacy reasons.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep your children safe. Please contact the school office if you have questions.