

Dear Parent/Guardian:

School law requires that a screening for scoliosis be performed on all children in grades 6 and 7.

The _____ School District will conduct a scoliosis screening program on _____ The purpose of the screening program is to detect possible curvature of the spine in children. If the condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spinal deformity may be prevented.

The screening test is very simple and can be performed in less than a minute. A trained screener will check your child's back by observing it while your child is standing and bending forward. You will be contacted if there is any reason to have your child examined by your pediatrician, family physician, or orthopedist.

To assure a view of the spine, we will request that students expose their backs during screening. It is recommended that boys wear a shirt that can be easily removed. Girls should wear a bra, bathing suit top, or halter-top under a blouse or sweater.

Your cooperation is essential to help us make the program run smoothly. If you have any objections to having your child participate in the screening program, please inform the school nurse in writing by _____

Sincerely,

School Nurse