

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The State of New Jersey requires a postural screening be conducted on all students in the 5th grade and those 6th grade students that have not been screened since their 10th birthday. The purpose of the postural screening is to detect signs of spinal curvature at the earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined.

Scoliosis, the most common spinal abnormality, is a side to side curve of the spine. It is usually detected in childhood or early adolescence. Most cases of spinal curvatures are mild and require only ongoing observation by a physician after the diagnosis is made. Mild curvatures are often noticeable only to those trained in detecting spinal abnormalities.

Scoliosis screening will be conducted next week. Each student will be screened in private. The child removes their shirt and bends at the waist so their spine can be examined. There is no need to touch the child. Girls do not need to remove their bra. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Janet Nocar
School Nurse
609-397-0184

NO – I do not want the nurse to screen my child for scoliosis.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

RETURN THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT THE SCHOOL NURSE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD FOR SCOLIOSIS. You will need to provide documentation from your child's own pediatrician of a scoliosis exam.