

Summer 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Scoliosis screenings for all students in grades 6 through 8 will be held during the next few weeks. Simply stated, scoliosis is a sideways curvature of the spine. In its early years, it is painless and appears gradually, especially during the early teenage years. Approximately 7 to 10% of children in this age group develop scoliosis, and 2 to 3% will require treatment. If the condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spine deformity can be preventive.

The procedure for screening is simple. The school nurse will inspect the student's spine as he or she stands and bends forward.

If your child has a possible curvature, you will be notified immediately and it will be recommended that you take your child to your family physician, pediatrician, or an orthopedist for further examination.

If you **DO NOT** want your child screened for scoliosis, check the line below, sign the form and return to the school nurse by September 30, 2014. **If you want your child screened – do not return the form.** If you have any questions and/or wish to be present when your child is screened, contact the school nurse at 437-6977.

Sincerely,

Fran Patsiga, RN  
Margaret Drew, RN  
School Nurse

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Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT give my permission for a Scoliosis screening

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Parent/Guardian

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Date