

March 22, 2019

Dear Parents,

In compliance with Public Act No. 15-215, each female student in grades five and seven and males in grade 9 will be provided a postural screening. The purpose of the screening is to recognize the signs of spinal curvature at its earliest stages so the need for treatment can be determined. In many cases, curvature of the spine is mild and requires only observation by a doctor. In other cases, it can progressively become more severe as the child grows requiring active treatment. **Any student who has returned a current physical (within the past year) from her/his primary care physician will not be screened.**

The screening is simple and quick. The school nurse will look at your child's back while she/he stands and bends forward. The screening is to visualize the spine and shoulders. To allow for proper visualization, your daughter/son will be required to remove her/his shirt. Girls should wear a bra/sports bra or bathing suit for the screening. Shoes/ sneakers will also be removed during the screening. Parents will be notified only if a medical follow up is necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns about the screening, please contact the school nurse.

Thank You,

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Please sign below and return to the school nurse if you DO NOT want your child to be included in the scoliosis screening. Screenings will begin after April Recess.

I do not wish for my daughter/son to be included in the scoliosis screening in April 2019.

Student name

Date

Parent signature