

Dear/ Parent Guardian,

The 1978 Legislature passed an act making it mandatory for all school districts "to examine each public school child at proper age for scoliosis, as part of the school health services program". (SB1276, chapter 78-245, Effective Date, January 1,1979).

Scoliosis is a twisting of the spine to one side. One common sign of scoliosis is a high shoulder or hip. Scoliosis is usually detected in the child before or during their teenage years. In the early stages, scoliosis can be corrected with proper treatment; otherwise, surgery may be needed when they become adults. If your child is identified as possibly having a spinal curvature, a letter will be sent home notifying you.

## We are planning to do screenings on November 13-16.

The screening consists only of observing the child as he or she stands or bends over.

The girls will need to wear bras or swim tops to make this possible, as their shirts will need to be lifted to observe the back.

## Boys and girls will be examined separately.

Please complete and return the bottom of this form if you DO NOT want your child to be screened.

Please return form by November 9, 2018.

Sincerely,

Amber Bass, RN School Nurse

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I DO NOT want my child to be screened for scoliosis.

Parent/Guardian signature