

Pennsylvania School Law requires that a screening for scoliosis be performed on all students in grades 6 and 7. Sixth grade students are screened during their mandated physical by their family doctor or school doctor. Seventh grade students are screened by the school nurse. The purpose of this screening program is to detect possible curvature of the spine in children. If the condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive deformity may be prevented.

The screening test consists of viewing the standing child from behind and then forward-bending. To assure full view of the spine, the test will be done during gym class during the month of February. You will be contacted if there is any reason your child needs further evaluation by your pediatrician, family physician, or orthopedist.

Your cooperation is essential to help make the program a success. If you have any objections to having your child participate in the screening program, please inform your child's school nurse in writing by January 31.