



Franklin Elementary School

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING NOTIFICATION

March 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Franklin School will be performing annual Postural Screening. Please be advised that this notice alerts you to the fact that this screening is done annually in Grades 5 thru 9 in accordance with Massachusetts School Health policy.

The purpose of this screening is to detect early signs of possible spinal problems in children grades 5-9. It is not a diagnostic service, but a program to identify young people who should have further medical evaluation.

Scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, has been a well-recognized physical problem for many years. Early detection is the key to prevention, and examining school children at the appropriate age level is one of the practical preventative measures.

If your child has any unusual findings, you will be notified and asked to take the child to a physician as a precaution. The majority of students exhibit no findings and, if nothing unusual is found, we will not be contacting you.

If you do not wish your child to participate in this screening, you will need to provide a written or emailed notification to Erin Callahan, School Nurse, callahane@northandoverpublicschools.com.

The fifth grade students at Franklin School will be screened the week of April 3rd during their scheduled physical education classes:

5C & 5D will be screened on Tuesday, April 4th

5A will be screened on Wednesday, April 5th

5B will be screened on Friday, April 7th

Boys and girls will be asked to remove their shirts in order to be screened.. We ask that girls wear a sports bra or a halter-top, under their shirts, the day of the screening. This type of clothing permits more accurate observations of the back.

If you have any questions, contact Erin Callahan School Nurse, at 978-557-7905.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Erin Callahan, MS, RN

Franklin Elementary School Nurse