



# Avella Area School District

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## SCOLIOSIS SCREENING:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has adopted a regulation requiring that screening for scoliosis (curvature of the spine) be included in all school health programs. The purpose is to identify deviations of alignment and symmetry in children's backs in order that appropriate referrals may be made, and corrective procedures begun at an early age.

School districts are required to screen all pupils in grades six and seven, except (1) those already under observation and care for scoliosis by a physician or (2) those whose parents object in writing to the screening.

The screening will be done by the school nurse. It requires less than a minute per student, and is done by visual inspection with the student standing straight then bending forward. **Please be advised that students will be required to remove their shirts for the visual inspection.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give permission for my child to be screened.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not wish my child to be screened.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is currently under the care of Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ for a spinal problem.

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation,

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