

Notice to Parents/Guardians of 6th and 7th grade students regarding scoliosis screenings.

School law requires that a screening for scoliosis be performed on all children in grades 6 and 7. The Saucon Valley School District will conduct a scoliosis screening program on each year during the month of March. The purpose of the screening program is to detect possible curvature of the spine in children. If the condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spinal deformity may be prevented.

The screening test is very simple and can be performed in less than a minute. A trained screener will check your child's back by observing it while your child is standing and bending forward. You will be contacted if there is any reason to have your child examined by your pediatrician, family physician, or orthopedist.

To assure a view of the spine, we will request that students expose their backs during screening. It is recommended that boys wear a shirt that can be easily removed. Girls should wear a bra, bathing suit top, or halter-top under a blouse or sweater. Your cooperation is essential to help us make the program run smoothly. If you have any objections to having your child participate in the screening program, please inform the school nurse in writing.

Please note: If you have submitted a completed 6th grade physical exam form for your child, he/she will be exempt from the screening, as it will have already been performed by your private physician. ALL 7th graders will be screened unless there the nurse has received written documentation from the parent requesting exclusion.