

EAST BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Under current New Jersey Law N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.3, all students who are between the ages of 10 and 18 must be screened for scoliosis. To ensure that everyone has reached his or her tenth birthday, the fifth grade was selected.

Scoliosis is defined as a condition of the spine in which the spine may curve to the right or left. It is most commonly found during the time of rapid growth and may progress if not treated. The goal of the program is early detection and correction.

The school nurse will conduct this simple procedure. The spine is checked as the student stands and bends forward. On the day of the screening, both boys and girls will be required to remove their shirts. Girls may wear a bra, a halter, or a bathing suit top. Girls and boys will be screened separately.

Students will be screened the last week of May.

A pupil may be exempt from this examination by a written request from the parent or guardian. **IF YOU PREFER NOT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD SCREENED FOR SCOLIOSIS, PLEASE SIGN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS NOTICE AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL NURSE.**

Any suspected problem will be communicated to the parent or guardian.

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Scoliosis Screening

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

I DO NOT WISH TO HAVE MY CHILD SCREENED FOR SCOLIOSIS IN SCHOOL.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____