

Dear Parent:

Please read the letter concerning the offering of screening for students in grades 5-9 for any signs of scoliosis. This screening is offered but is **no longer required**.

If you **do** want your child to be screened please read, sign, and return to the school nurse by _____.

If you **do not** wish for them to be screened during school you may choose to sign that you **do not** want them screened on the form **or** you may choose not to return the form at all.

Only students who have a signed parental permission form and return it by the date listed above will be screened.

If you have questions please call your school nurse.

Thank you,

Dear Parent:

The Alabama State Department of Education and Alabama Department of Public Health requires that school districts in Alabama offer and provide scoliosis screening for male and female students in grades 5 through 9.

Screening is performed by observing the uncovered spine, viewing the student from the back, side, and front and also from all sides with the student bending forward. If a spinal problem is suspected, the child will be rechecked at a second screening. Parents of students found to have signs of a possible spinal abnormality will be asked to see their own physicians for further evaluation.

Girls and boys will be screened separately to ensure privacy. They can wear gym clothes, bathing suits, or other clothing that may be removed easily. Screening for your child will take place within the next two weeks. If your child is currently under treatment for a spinal deformity, please let us know and your child will be exempt from the screening process.

Please complete the consent form below; indicating your wishes for screening.

Please note: forms not returned will result in student not being screened.

I **do wish** for my son/daughter to be included in the scoliosis screening.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

I **do not wish** for my son/daughter to be included in the scoliosis screening.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature