

**DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES
SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ 07076
SCOLIOSIS SCREENING PROGRAM**

September

Dear Parent/Guardian:

School districts are required by State law to perform spinal screenings once every two years on children age 10 through 18. The purpose of the screening program is to identify spinal problems (scoliosis, lordosis and kyphosis) in their earliest stages.

Scoliosis, the most frequently identified spinal problem, is defined as a condition of the spine in which the spine may curve to the left or right. It is most commonly found during the time of rapid growth and may progress if not treated.

Pupils in Grades 5, 7, 9 and 11 will be screened throughout the school year. The screening will be performed on your child by the school nurse or physical education teacher in each building. If for any reason you do not want your child screened, please complete the lower portion of this form and return it to the nurse in your child's school by October 1.

If you wish to be present during the screening, call your school nurse to schedule an appointment.

If you have any further questions regarding this program, please contact your school nurse. You will be informed of any suspected problems.

Sincerely,
Lisa Rebimbas
Director of Special Services

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Grade _____ Period One Teacher _____

☐ I do NOT want my child screened for scoliosis.

☐ I do NOT want my child screened for scoliosis. This condition has already been identified and he/she is being followed by our private physician.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Phone _____