

Scoliosis Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires all students in Grade 7 to be screened for scoliosis. Scoliosis is a common spinal abnormality resulting in a side-to-side curve of the spine. It is usually detected in childhood or early adolescence when the child is growing rapidly. Early detection and treatment can prevent a severe deformity which can affect the health and appearance of your child.

Scoliosis screening will be performed on all seventh grade students each fall. The screenings will be performed insuring privacy by the Springfield School District Nurses during your child's gym class. We will also screen for vision, height, and weight.

Boys will be required to remove their shirts. Girls should remove their shirts and it is suggested they wear a sports bra, halter top, or bathing suit top for easy visualization of spine. You will be notified if medical follow-up is necessary. If your child has already been identified with Scoliosis, please send a letter to the school nurse stating that your child is under a physician's care.

Sincerely,

**Daniel Tracy
Principal**

**Terri Missar, RN, CSN
School Nurse**