

*(Scoliosis Screening Letter to Parent)*

Dear Parents:

Within the next few weeks, our school will conduct a Scoliosis Screening Program to find children with suspected curvature of the spine. The screening will be held during the school day here at the school.

According to available information, seven to ten children in every 100 may develop scoliosis and one to three will require treatment. If this condition is detected early, and appropriately treated, progressive spinal deformity can be prevented.

The procedure is a simple, painless, 60 second test in which the nurse looks at the student's back in the standing and forward bending positions. Boys and girls will be screened separately. If your child has a suspected curvature you will be notified by mail.

In an attempt to make the scoliosis screening process go smoothly we ask that parents discuss with their child how the process will work. Please advise them to wear only one layer of clothing on the day of the screening. Multiple layers of clothing delay the screening process. Since it is necessary for us to view your child's spine, we will need them to remove their shirt. If your child is uncomfortable removing their shirt please encourage them to wear a bra, sports bra or bathing suit top under their shirt. The children are screened separately and only the nurse will be viewing their spine. All attempts will be made to respect each student's privacy and modesty.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school nurse or the Forsyth County Health Department.

Thank you,

School Nurse