

Dear Parent,

On Sight Vision and Hearing Screening Service will be conducting spinal screenings on **January 12, 2015**. The purpose of spinal screening is to detect the signs of abnormal curves of the spine at their earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined. It is usually detected in children between 10 and 14 years of age. Kyphosis, sometimes called round back, is an exaggerated rounding of the upper back and is often confused with poor posture. Many cases of curvature of the spine are mild and require only ongoing observation by a physician when they are first diagnosed. Others can worsen with time as the child grows and require active treatment such as bracing and surgery. Early treatment can prevent the development of a severe deformity, which can affect a person's appearance and health.

The procedure for screening is simple. As a certified screener, we have been specially trained and will look at your child's back while he/she stands and then bends forward. For this examination, boys and girls will be seen separately and individually.

STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR OR BRING SHORTS TO SCHOOL FOR THE EXAM ALL STUDENTS MUST REMOVE THEIR SHIRT FOR THIS EXAM. FOR THIS REASON, WE REQUEST THAT GIRLS WEAR A HALTER TOP, TUBE TOP, SPORTS BRA, OR A TWO PIECE SWIMSUIT TOP UNDERNEATH THEIR SHIRT ON EXAM DAY.

Parents will be notified of the results of the screening only if professional follow-up is necessary. This screening procedure does not replace your child's need for regular health care and checkups.

According to state law, all students in grades 6 and 9 (or grades 5 and 8) must receive the spinal screening. If, for religious reasons, you do not wish to have your child screened, you are to submit an affidavit of religious exemption to your school.

The cost of the spinal screening is \$20.**(If you are also having vision/hearing screening done, the cost is \$35 for all three tests.)** Please send cash or a personal check made out to your school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

On Sight Vision and Hearing Screening
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