

ATTENTION: **Grade 7** Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School law requires that a screening for scoliosis be performed on all children in grade 7. The Sayreville Middle School will be conducting our screenings during your student's gym period on either Thursday, January 24th and Friday, January 25th. The purpose of the screening program is to detect possible curvature of the spine in children. If the condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spinal deformity may be prevented.

The screening test is very simple and can be performed in less than a minute. A trained screener will check your child's back by observing it while your child is standing and bending forward. You will be contact if there is any reason to have your child examined further by your pediatrician, family physician, or orthopedist.

To assure a view of the spine, we request that students expose their backs during the screening. It is recommended that boys wear a shirt that can be easily removed. Girls should wear a sports bra, bathing suit top or tank top under their blouse or sweater for these two days. Your cooperation is essential to help us make the program run smoothly. **If you have any objections to having your child participate in the screening program, please sign and send in the attached refusal letter to the nurse's office by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.**

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter, we wish you a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Alyssa Hadley RN CSN & Margaret Patierno RN

[Scoliosis Screening Refusal.pdf](#)