

WEST JEFFERSON HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HEALTH SERVICES

INFORMATION LETTER REGARDING SCOLIOSIS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Pennsylvania school law requires that a screening for scoliosis be performed on all children in Grades 6 and 7. 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 Pleasant Hills Middle School will conduct a scoliosis screening program for students in Grades 6 and 7 each year.

The screening test is very simple and can be performed in less than a minute. A trained screener will check your child's spine by observing it while your child is standing and bending forward. Following the screening, you will be contacted if there is any reason to have your child examined with your family physician or medical provider.

**If you plan to have your child's private physician conduct the scoliosis screening, the physician should complete and sign the form below for your child's school health record.**

**Please return the completed form to school as soon as possible**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Scoliosis Exam results \_\_\_\_\_  
(negative) (positive)

Physician's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print or stamp physician's address: