

Monmouth Junction School

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Dear Parents and Guardians of 5th Grade Students:

The annual screening assessments for scoliosis for all students between the ages of ten and eighteen as required by law (N.J.S.A. 18A:4.0-4.3) will be conducted during October during your child's regularly scheduled gym class.

Scoliosis is a condition of the spine in which the spine may curve to the right or left. It is most commonly found during the adolescent growth period and may progress if not treated. The purpose of the screening program is to recognize scoliosis in its earliest stages. Click here for more information from the Mayo Clinic.

The removal of clothing from the upper body is required in order to view the spine. Girls may wear a bra or bathing suit <u>TOP ONLY</u> for modesty purposes. Examinations will be conducted privately to ensure comfort.

A student may be excused from this examination if <u>requested by the parent/guardian</u> <u>IN WRITING ONLY</u>.

If you would like to be present during the screening, please contact the health office at 732.329.6981 ext 3656 and arrangements will be made. Whether or not you are present, you will be informed of any deviations from the norm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the health office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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