



# Richmond Hill Middle School

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Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Under Georgia Law (O.C.G.A. §20-2-772), the schools with the assistance of Public Health are required to screen all sixth and eighth grade students for scoliosis. This law gives responsibility for follow-up to public health under the Department of Human Resources regulations.

In the next few weeks our school system and public health will conduct a scoliosis screening to find children with signs of an abnormal curve of the spine. It is known that five children out of every 100 may have scoliosis. If this condition is found early and appropriately treated, progressive spine deformity can usually be prevented.

The procedure for screening is a simple 30-second test in which the screener (nurse or other trained person) looks at the child's back in a standing position and while bending forward. Boys and girls are screened separately.

If your child has a suspected curve, you will be notified and asked to take your child to your family doctor or an orthopedic doctor for follow-up. If you do not want your child to be screened, please complete the requested information below and return it to the school.

If you would prefer that your child be screened for scoliosis, you do not need to return this form.

**I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO SCREENED FOR SCOLIOSIS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

OR

**My child is currently under care/observation for spinal problems. I understand my child will not be screened.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/ Guardian

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_