

# BERWICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

School law requires that a screening test for scoliosis be performed on all children in grades 6 and 7.

The Berwick Area School District will conduct a scoliosis screening program in March or April. 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. The school nurses will check your child's back by observing it while your child is standing and bending forward. Their spine will be viewed by having the back of the student's shirt raised. The program is offered in cooperation with the school physician as a consultant. You will be contacted if there is any reason to have your child examined by your pediatrician, family physician, or orthopedist.

If your child handed in a sports or private physical this year that assessed for scoliosis, your child will not be screened at school.

If you have any objections to having your child participate in the screening program, please inform the school nurse in writing by March 15, 2024.

Sincerely,

Sara Ervin  
Certified School Nurse  
Berwick Middle School