

Middletown Township Public Schools  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

New Jersey State Law N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 (F); N.J.S.A. 18A:40 – 4.3 to 4.5 & A – 1183 Pamphlet Law 2000c. 9-21-00 requires that schools offer a biennial screening program for the detection of scoliosis or curvature of the spine, for students between 10 and 18 years of age. Similar screening programs in other states have shown that 7 to 10 children in every 100 may develop scoliosis and 1 to 3 will require treatment. With early detection, through screening programs, severe spine deformities can be prevented.

The screening is carried out by the school nurse. It is simple and takes less than 20 seconds per student. The examiner looks at the child's back as he or she stands and bends forward. If your child is found to have a possible curvature, you will be notified.

Thompson School is scheduled to have its 7th grade students screened on **March 4th and 5th** during gym or health class. It will be necessary on the day of examination for girls to wear a bra and gym shorts or a two-piece bathing suit, so that the spinal column is visible. **Body suits and long sweat pants are not appropriate attire for this screening.** Boys are to be attired in gym shorts.

If for any reason, you do not want your child to participate in the program, please complete the bottom half of this letter and return to me before February 22, 2019. **Forms received after February 22, 2019 will not be accepted and your child will be screened.**

Sincerely,

Linda Kolk, School Nurse

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**If you do NOT want your child to participate in the Scoliosis Screening program, please complete this form and return to the School Nurse.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent of \_\_\_\_\_,  
in grade \_\_\_\_\_ do not wish to participate in the Scoliosis Screening program for my child.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_