

WILLS POINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Health Services

**SCOLIOSIS NOTIFICATION LETTER**

Date: 9-13-14

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The 69th Legislature, 1985, enacted a law which requires school districts to conduct spinal screening of students in specified grades. We will, therefore, be performing spinal evaluations of those pupils in the fifth and ninth grades on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

The procedure for screening is to have the school nurse look at the child's shoulders and back while standing in upright position and bending forward. In order for observation it will be necessary for students to remove their blouses or their shirts. Girls may wear a bikini top or a bra during the examination. Boys and girls will be screened separately.

The most common spinal deviations are scoliosis and kyphosis. Scoliosis is a lateral curvature of the spine. Kyphosis is commonly called "roundback". Both of the spinal conditions become more apparent during the rapid growth period of adolescence. If detected and treated early, extensive treatment possibly can be avoided.

If the spinal examination conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the pupil is a member, please submit an affidavit to the school nurse on or before the day of the screening. If the student has received a spinal examination within the last year by a professional health practitioner licensed to practice in the State of Texas, please provide the school nurse with a copy of the test results on or before the date of the evaluations.

The Department of Nursing Services is pleased to provide spinal screening for those individuals as required by law. A letter will be sent to the parents of those students whose screening results indicate they should have a medical examination. If you have any questions, please contact the nurse assigned to the building where your child attends school.

Sincerely,

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