Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Alabama State Department of Education and the Alabama Department of Public Health requires that school districts in Alabama offer scoliosis screenings for all students in grades 5-9, but it is no longer mandatory.

Screening is performed by observing the uncovered spine, viewing the student standing and the student bending forward. Parents of students found to have signs of a possible spinal abnormality will be asked to see their own physicians for further evaluation.

Girls and boys are screened separately and individually to ensure privacy. Girls may wish to wear sports bras or bathing suits.

Scoliosis at _____________________ will take place on_________________.

School                      Date

If you would like your child to be screened for scoliosis, please complete the consent below and return to the School Nurse.

I do wish for my son/daughter to be included in the scoliosis screening.

____________________   __________   ______________________________
Student Name                 Grade               Parent/Guardian Signature

Please note: Only return form if you want your child screened.

Sincerely,

___________________________, School Nurse

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Phone number