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**Hall County Schools Scoliosis Screening Program**

**Parent/Guardian Refusal Form**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the school year, Hall County school nurses and the Hall County Dept of Public Health will conduct Scoliosis screenings at the 6th and 8th grade levels to identify students with suspected curvature of the spine. In Georgia, scoliosis screenings are required by law.

Seven to 10 children in every 100 may develop scoliosis, and one to three will require treatment. If this condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spinal deformity can be prevented.

The screening process is simple, painless, and takes about 30 seconds. Girls and boys will be screened separately by a nurse who is trained to recognize spinal curvature. Girls should wear a bra, sports bra, or bathing suit under their clothes on the day of screening.

If your child’s back, shoulders or hips are observed to be uneven, the screener will recommend a follow-up evaluation to determine if scoliosis is present. You will also receive a Parent Notification Form for further evaluation.

However, if you would rather decline the school's scoliosis exam and have your personal physician conduct the evaluation, please indicate so by clicking one of the boxes below and providing a digital signature.

Please note: The district cannot accept declinations on the date of screening. Please check with your school for its screening schedule. **If no answer is given, your child will be screened during their school’s screening process.**

I do not want my child to be screened for scoliosis by the school, and I plan to have him/her screened by another healthcare provider (Please share results of this evaluation with the school using form 4400). <https://www.hallco.org/web/new-year-scoliosis-update/>

OR

My child is currently being seen by a healthcare provider for spinal problems, and I do not wish to have my child evaluated by the school. Parent/Guardian Signature.

OR

My child is not in the 6th or 8th Grade and this does not apply to me or my child