



FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Health Services Department

JP Case Middle School
301 Case Blvd, Flemington, New Jersey 08822

SEVENTH GRADE - SCOLIOSIS SCREENING PROGRAM
School Year: 2020-2021

October 27, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

A Scoliosis Screening Program is being offered to all students biennially between the ages of 10 and 18. This is being done in accordance with the law passed by the Department of Education and Health. Scoliosis is a side-to-side curve in the spine. Normally, the spine is straight when viewed from the back. In a person with scoliosis, however, the spine bends to one side. This bend may or may not be easy to see. The condition progresses on some children during the early adolescent years when children grow the most rapidly. The purpose of this screening program is to recognize the problem at its earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined. In areas where screenings have been conducted, spinal variations have been detected in about four percent of the adolescent population. Two percent have required active treatment or continued observation.

Scoliosis screenings will be done during the school year for all Seventh grade students at JP Case Middle School. The procedure for screening is a simple one. The school medical inspector or the school nurse will inspect the child's spine as he or she stands and bends forward. If a spinal problem is suspected, the child will be rechecked at a second screening in the health office by the school medical inspector. If further consultation is recommended, parents of students who are found to have signs of a possible spinal abnormality will be notified and will be asked to see their own physician for further evaluation.

If you would prefer not to have your child screened for scoliosis at school, please inform the school nurse in writing within one week of receiving this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact the JP Case health office at (908)284-5112.

Sincerely,

Noreen Bradley, R.N.
School Nurse