

Spinal Screening

by Pine Woods Screening Services, LLC

"Providing quality screening services for children since 1988"

In cooperation with your school, Pine Woods Screening Services, LLC (using state-certified screeners) is conducting spinal screening.

Screening date: **Tue, May 8, 2018**

Who must be screened; as required by Texas State Law: All children in grades 6 and 9

Abnormal spinal curvature is an anatomic, structural change or deviation of the normal spinal curve. Spinal screening for young people during the high-risk years has been shown to be the best way to detect spinal deformities, such as scoliosis and kyphosis. Many cases of curvature of the spine are mild and require only ongoing observation by a physician when they are first diagnosed. Others can worsen with time as the child grows and require active treatment such as bracing and surgery. Early detection is important. Screening should be done annually during the growth spurt years, ages 10-14 years. The Texas Legislature mandates grades 6 and 9 for spinal screening. Screening will be conducted at your school with prompt referral for any possible problem detected.

A failure of the spinal screening does not necessarily mean your child has a spinal deformity, but indicates a physical sign that needs to be analyzed by your health care provider. The screening is non-diagnostic and not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth examination by a licensed physician or specialist. If you have concerns about your child, do not hesitate to take him/her to your personal physician or specialist for evaluation. Of course, any child who fails the screening will need a follow-up visit with their doctor or specialist.

The procedure for screening is simple. Screeners who have been specially trained will observe your child at numerous angles while he/she stands and bends forward. For this examination, boys and girls will be seen separately and individually.

Please send a note to the school with information you feel would help us in screening your child. Let us know if your child is currently under medical treatment for any spinal abnormalities. Pine Woods Screening Services, LLC will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the screenings. We would like to thank your school - - this offer is made possible by a concerned staff who cares about your child. If you have any question, please call 281-844-5091.

BOYS & GIRLS NEED TO REMOVE THEIR SHIRTS WHEN SCREENED INDIVIDUALLY.

GIRLS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR A BRA, SPORTS BRA OR SWIMSUIT TOP.