



## Health Services

### **SCOLIOSIS SCREENING STATISTICAL REPORT** *(State of Georgia Department of Human Resources Mandated Program)*

Date:

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Middle School Principals

**RE:** **Scoliosis Screening Required for State Standards Compliance**

All Georgia school districts are required to conduct annual scoliosis spinal screenings for middle school students between the ages of 10 and 13 years. **During the months of October - January, school nurses assigned to middle school sites will conduct the mandated scoliosis screening for all 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.** Notification will be sent to parents/guardians of **ALL** 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students allowing their student to opt out of the Scoliosis Screening Program.

The procedure for screening is a simple 30-second visual assessment of the child's back. **Boys and girls will be screened separately.** Please collaborate with the school nurse to identify an appropriate setting and schedule for the screenings.

A copy of the scoliosis parental information letter/opt out form is attached and should be issued to every 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to carry home to his or her parent/guardian. Following the mandated school-based screening sessions, school nurses will provide parental notice documenting findings with recommendations for further evaluation from a health care provider.

**Thank you in advance for your support. If you require additional information, please contact the school nurse.**

Attachment