



## STUDENT HEALTH SCREENINGS

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires that every child of school age attending public or non-public schools must be provided with various health screenings. Listed below is a schedule for the required screenings.

### Scoliosis

Scoliosis is a lateral and rotary curvature of the spine, most commonly found during the adolescent growth period. It is estimated that approximately 4% of school-age children will have a curvature in varying degrees. The effect of scoliosis depends upon its severity, how early it is detected, and how promptly it is treated. The purpose of the screening program is to detect possible curvature of the spine in children. If the condition is detected early and appropriately treated, progressive spinal deformity may be prevented.

The screening test is very simple and can be performed in less than a minute. A trained screener will check the student's back by observing it while the student is standing and bending forward.

This is an annual screening for students in sixth and seventh grades.

Parents will be notified if there is any reason to have the student examined by the family's primary care provider for further evaluation.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Mrs. Tina Vojtko, RN at 820-4070, extension 313.