

COVENTRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pupil and Staff Support Services  
Captain Nathan Hale School  
1776 Main St.  
Coventry, CT 06238

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 5 through 9:

The Connecticut Departments of Health and Education require that screenings be done annually in school for students in grades 5 through 9 to detect scoliosis (lateral curvature of the spine) and other visual spinal abnormalities. Early detection and treatment can prevent many serious back and health problems which might develop later in your child's life.

A video presentation for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given by the school nurse prior to the screening so students will understand the procedure. The video presentation is available to other students upon parent/guardian request.

Should a problem be detected, you will be notified so that you can have your child examined by his/her physician.

All students in grades 5 through 9 will be screened (girls and boys are screened separately) except under one of the following conditions:

- A parent/guardian waver will exempt a student (see form below) – the screening will take place if the exemption request is not returned within five school days.
- Grade 6 students who have had a scoliosis screening as part of their grade 6/9 physical and have submitted the physical form to the school nurse will automatically be exempt.
- Please notify the school nurse if your child is being monitored by their physician for spinal abnormalities. They will not need to participate in the school's scoliosis screening.



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(Please fill out only if you are requesting an exemption)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**I DO NOT WANT** my child to be screened for scoliosis.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Please return this form to your child's school nurse within five school days.**