

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
#1 EAGLE DRIVE
EDDY, TEXAS 76524

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Bruceville-Eddy I.S.D. will be conducting spinal screenings on 5th grade girls, 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys. The purpose of spinal screening is to detect the signs of abnormal curves of the spine at their earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined. Scoliosis, a common spinal abnormality found in adolescents, is a sideways twisting of the spine. Screenings should be done during the growth spurt years. 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 treatment can prevent the development of a severe deformity, which can affect a person's appearance and health.

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

***** ALL STUDENTS MUST REMOVE THEIR SHIRT FOR THIS EXAM. FOR THIS REASON, GIRLS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR A HALTER TOP, TUBE TOP, SPORTS BRA, OR A TWO-PIECE SWIMSUIT UNDERNEATH THEIR SHIRT ON EXAM DAY.*****

Parents will be notified of the results of the screening only if professional follow-up is necessary. This screening procedure does not replace your child's need for regular health care check-ups.

In 1985 the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 832 which requires screening for abnormal spinal curves for students attending public and private schools. If for any reason, you do not wish to have your child screened, you are to submit an affidavit of exemption to this office no later than November 30th. Secretaries at Intermediate and Jr High will have copy of exemption form.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter,

Sincerely,
Bruceville-Eddy School Nurses