

Pataula Charter Academy

Spring Creek Charter Academy

TITLE: Scoliosis Screening Policy

APPROVED BY: The Governing Board

REFERENCES: O.C.G.A. 20-2-772

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy will provide screening of students for scoliosis as required under O.C.G.A. 20-2-772. The purpose of the screening is to identify scoliosis which initially is a symptom-free lateral curvature of the spine that tends to appear before and during adolescence, most commonly in girls.

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Charter Academy shall:

1. Provide advance written notice of the time of the screening to parents and legal guardians at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled screening. If the parent or legal guardian of a student objects to such student being screened for scoliosis, a signed authorization to exempt the student from screening must be provided to the school.
2. Provide screening for scoliosis yearly for students in grades 6 and 8. This screening will be provided by a licensed healthcare provider or the local health department.
3. Maintain a list of students from whom parents or guardians have filed written authorization to exempt student from screening and shall file the authorization in the school health records.
4. Shall notify parents of guardians if their child is identified during the screening process as having a possible spinal deformity and shall also recommend the student receive further professional evaluation.

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