SCOLIOSIS

The board recognizes that curvature of a student's spine may develop into a permanent, crippling disability if left unattended. The board directs the superintendent to establish procedures to implement scoliosis and kyphosis screening for all students at least three times between grades 4 and 11 in accordance with procedures and standards adopted by the state board of health, the superintendent of public instruction and the department of health.

Legal References: RCW   28A.210.180   Screening program for
                              -240   scoliosis

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Scoliosis

For purposes of the policy, scoliosis includes idiopathic scoliosis and kyphosis. The scoliosis screening shall be administered by a scoliosis screening supervisor designated by the superintendent. This staff member shall have the responsibility for the selection and training of staff to be responsible for screening for the presence of scoliosis. The scoliosis screening supervisor's duties shall include:

A.   Keeping records and making recommendations regarding those whose tests are indicative of scoliosis;

B.   Insuring that all administering the test are properly trained;

C.   Scheduling examinations;

D.   Acquainting staff with the problem of scoliosis and how to spot its presence so that referral may occur; and

E.   Evaluating the program's effectiveness.

Parents shall be advised when a child's screening tests indicate symptoms consistent with the presence of scoliosis, the significance of early treatment, and the services that are available from qualified licensed practitioners. This notification shall include an explanation of scoliosis. A copy of the test results shall be included with the above information. Parents shall be advised that their child shall be exempt from the screening procedure upon their written request if the parents certify that:

A.   The screening conflicts with philosophical or religious beliefs; or

B.   The student is presently under the care of a health care provider for spinal curvature or a related medical condition.

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