



Form #4400
Certificate of Scoliosis Screening

Required for students entering 6th and 8th grade
Form must be completed in its entirety and returned within 90 days of school start

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Date of Birth: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male\_\_ Female\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City

Zip code County State

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Scoliosis Screening (Adams Forward Bend Test) Results:

Negative screen: \_\_\_\_\_
Needs further evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_
Referred to provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Screener's Comments:

Screening completed by:

Physician Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ County Health Department: \_\_\_\_\_
Licensed School Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Screener Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian - Complete This Portion Only if Student Will Not Be Screened

Opt-out

\_\_\_\_ I do not want my student to be screened for scoliosis at this time.

\_\_\_\_ The student listed above is currently under professional care for scoliosis.

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

# Georgia Department of Public Health

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#### ***What is scoliosis?***

Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine. If detected early in a child's life, it may be possible to treat the condition and prevent it from becoming more serious.

#### ***Who is required to file this Form #4400?***

The parent or guardian of a student entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade shall furnish to school authority a properly executed DPH Form #4400, Certificate of Scoliosis screening, as early as the first day of 5<sup>th</sup> and no later than 90 days after the student begins 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The parent or guardian of a student entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade shall furnish to school authority a properly executed Form #4400, Certificate of Scoliosis screening, as early as the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> and no later than 90 days after the student begins 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

These time periods were chosen because these are the years when rapid growth occurs, and scoliosis is most likely to become observable.

#### ***What is the purpose of Form #4400?***

Form #4400 is intended to ensure every child in Georgia public schools is screened for spinal deformities. The earlier these problems are detected the earlier parents/guardians can seek professional help for their student.

#### ***What screenings are required?***

The "Adams Forward Bend Test" is required, and the results must be documented on the Form #4400 before it is filed with the school. The Adams Forward Bend test is a simple painless observation of the child's back as he or she stands and bends over.

#### ***Who can conduct the screenings?***

The test can be conducted by a physician with an active GA license or person working under the supervision of a physician with an active GA license, the local health department, and licensed school nurses.

#### ***What should a parent do if the "Needs further evaluation" box is checked?***

If the "Needs further evaluation" box is checked, then the parent/guardian should take the student to a medical provider for a more detailed evaluation. Your physician or local health department may be able to help or recommend someone who can help.

#### ***What if a Form #4400 was previously filed for the child at another school?***

Form #4400 should become part of the student's permanent record. If a student transfers schools, the school where the form was filed is required to forward Form #4400 to the new school.

#### ***What happens if Form #4400 is not completed for students in 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades?***

Students without Form #4400 on file will be screened by school staff during a mass scoliosis screening event during the school year.