

Scoliosis Information

Act No. 84-83 of the Alabama Legislation directed the Department of Education and the State of Board of Health to implement procedures for examination of all public school students, ages 11 through 14 (grades 5-9), for the purpose of detecting the development of scoliosis and for referring those children with positive screenings to a trained medical professional. Screening shall begin with the 1984-85 school year and shall be phased in over a period of five years after the effective day (3-26-84) of the law.

Purpose: The goal is that children having scoliosis be detected early and placed under medical care before serious physical disability and deformity occur. The program is designed to screen children at school and to teach students and their parents about scoliosis.

[Information from the National Scoliosis Foundation](#)

[Information from American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons](#)