

**Hapeville Charter Middle School scoliosis screening will be held on February 22, 2010.**

School spinal screening was developed to identify adolescents with small spinal curves and refer them for treatment before these curves become too severe. All states do some form of spinal screening to assure students needing evaluation and/or treatment get early attention. The state of Georgia mandates spinal screening for students in the 6th and 8th grades using school nurses and other trained adults to screen all students. Careful training and understanding of spinal screening is essential for the success of this program. The intent of the state law is to maintain a three-year gap between students' spinal screenings.