

KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT



Children entering kindergarten are now required to have a dental screening (oral health assessment) because of a new Michigan law. Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) can provide these screenings in schools or children may visit their dentist.

What can school districts do?



NOTIFY PARENTS

Share information about the new Michigan dental screening law.



PROVIDE ACCESS

Call OCHD to schedule on-site dental screening at 248-858-1306. Children can be screened 6 months prior to the start of Kindergarten through May 30th of their Kindergarten year.



SUBMIT DATA

Submit data to the State of Michigan and check dental screening box in Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR)

WHY IS DENTAL HEALTH IMPORTANT TO SCHOOLS?

- Students with poor dental health are nearly 3 times more likely to be absent.
- Dental-related absences cost public schools an average of \$15 million annually (Department of Education).
- School absences have the most impact on low-income and English language learners who are already vulnerable.

For more information, visit www.oakgov.com/health or the State of Michigan website at <https://bit.ly/3ROHvyx>. Oakland County's Nurse on Call is available at 1-800-848-5533.