



### **New Requirements: Effective July 1, 2005**

- All Illinois children in Kindergarten, Second and Sixth grades will be required to have an oral examination
- Examination must be performed by licensed dentist and he/she shall sign form
- The report will be uniform for statewide use
- Includes all public, private, or parochial schools
- Each child shall present proof of examination by a dentist prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year
- If a child in second or sixth grade fails to present proof by May 15<sup>th</sup>, the school may hold child's report card until:
  - Child presents proof of dental examination OR
  - Child presents proof that dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Each school must give notice of the dental examination requirement to the parents or guardians of the children at least 60 days prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year
- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) shall establish, by rule, a waiver for children who show undue burden or lack of access to a dentist (rules for waivers and compliance requirements will be developed by IDPH within the next year prior to the effective date of July 1, 2005)
- Parents or legal guardians who object to the dental examinations on religious grounds shall present to the appropriate local school authority a signed detailed statement of objection (exempting a child from a health or dental examination does not exempt the child from participation in physical education)
- Every school shall report to the State Board of Education by June 30:
  - Number of children who have received the required dental examination
  - Those who have not received the required dental examination
  - Number of children who are exempt based on religious grounds
  - Number of children who have received a waiver