

Oral Health Assessment Form

California law (*Education Code* Section 49452.8) says every child must have a dental check-up (assessment) by May 31st of his/her first year in public school. A California licensed dental professional must do the check-up and fill out Section 2 of this form. If your child had a dental check-up in the last 12 months, ask your dentist to fill out Section 2. If you are unable to get a dental check-up for your child, fill out the separate Waiver of Oral Health Assessment Requirement Form.

This assessment will let you know if there are any dental problems that need attention by a dentist. This assessment will also be used to evaluate our oral health programs. Children need good oral health to speak with confidence, express themselves, be healthy and, ready to learn. Poor oral health has been related to lower school performance, poor social relationships, and less success later in life. For this reason, we thank you for making this contribution to the health and well-being of California’s children.

Section 1: Child’s Information (Filled out by parent or guardian)

Child’s First Name:	Last Name:	Middle Initial:	Child’s Birth Date: MM – DD – YYYY
Address:			Apt.:
City:		ZIP Code: 	
School Name:	Teacher:	Grade:	Year child starts kindergarten: Y Y Y Y
Parent/Guardian First Name:	Parent/Guardian Last Name:		Child’s Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Child’s Race/Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)		

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Section 2: Oral Health Data Collection (Filled out by a California licensed dental professional)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Consider each box separately. Mark each box.

Assessment Date: MM – DD – YYYY	Untreated Decay (Visible Decay Present) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	*Caries Experience (Visible decay and/or fillings present) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Treatment Urgency: <input type="checkbox"/> No obvious problem found <input type="checkbox"/> Early dental care recommended (caries without pain or infection; or child would benefit from sealants or further evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent care needed (pain, infection, swelling or soft tissue lesions)		
_____ Licensed Dental Professional Signature		_____ CA License Number
		_____ Date

*Check “Yes” for Caries experience if there is presence of untreated decay or fillings
 Check “No” for Caries experience if there is no untreated decay and no fillings

Section 3: Follow-up to Urgent Care (Filled out by entity responsible for follow up)

Parent notified that child has urgent dental care need on:	MM – DD – YYYY
A follow-up appointment for this child has been scheduled for:	MM – DD – YYYY
Did child receive needed treatment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, entity responsible for follow-up will be encouraged to check back in with parent) <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know	

The law states schools must keep student health information private. Your child's name will not be part of any report as a result of this law. This information may only be used for purposes related to your child's health. If you have questions, please call your school.

Return this form to the school *no later than* May 31st of your child's first school year.

Original to be kept in child's school record.



Don't forget to schedule your child's required dental assessment!

What is the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA)?

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law requires that children have a dental assessment by **May 31** in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is their first year in public school.

Why is it important?

Poor oral health can affect a child's attendance, grades and overall performance in school. The KOHA helps ensure children are healthy and ready for a successful school year.

SCHOOL READINESS FACTS:

- Children who have poor oral health often miss more school and receive lower grades than children who don't.
- Children with cavities may also have difficulty eating, talking, and concentrating in school.
- Healthy smiles make children feel confident and good about themselves.
- Establishing good oral health habits in childhood helps create a lifetime of healthy smiles.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE KOHA:

- Look out for a registration form that will be distributed when you register your child for school.
- Visit or find your dental home.
- Complete the dental assessment 12 months before entering public school for the first time or by **May 31st** of their first year (Kindergarten or 1st Grade).

1 in 5 children have untreated tooth decay in California.*

Why is it important to have a dental home?

- It allows the dentist to establish a relationship with your family.
- It gives the dentist consistent opportunities to provide preventive treatment and find small issues before they become big.
- Children who develop a familiar relationship with their dentist are less likely to experience dental anxiety and are more likely to visit the dentist regularly into adulthood.

Medi-Cal covers dental check-ups every 6 months for children.



Visit SmileCalifornia.org to find your child's dental home today.

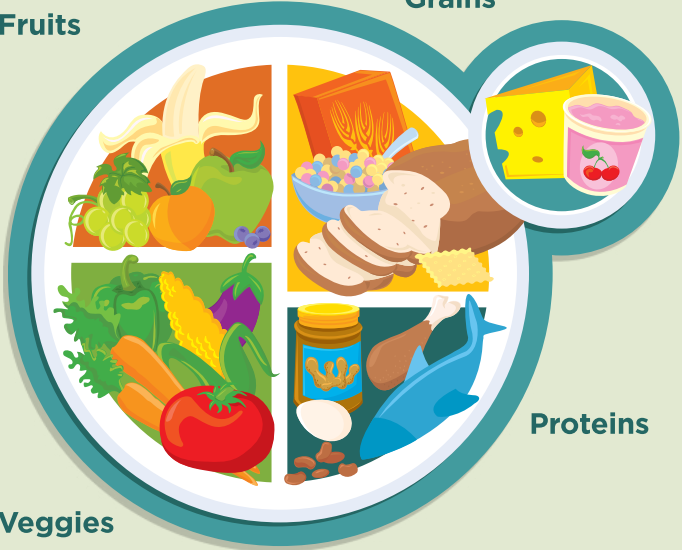
Healthy Smiles Start with Healthy Foods



Good oral health takes more than just brushing and flossing. Eating a balanced diet from all the food groups and limiting sugary foods and drinks will help keep your teeth and gums healthy.

Fruits

Grains



Veggies

Proteins

HEALTHY FOODS = BIG SMILES!



Eating well and practicing good oral care at home every day is an important part of keeping your smile healthy — but don't forget to visit the dentist for regular check-ups! Dental visits are your best defense against cavities and gum disease and can help keep you healthy overall.



Medi-Cal Dental provides free or low-cost check-ups every six months for members under the age of 21 and every 12 months for members age 21 and over.

Services may include:

- Exams and x-rays
- Sealants
- Scaling and root planing
- Root canal treatments
- Periodontal maintenance
- Orthodontics (braces)
- Complete and partial dentures
- Cleanings
- Fluoride treatments
- Fillings and crowns*
- Emergency services
- Tooth removal
- Denture relines

**Crowns on molars or premolars (back teeth) may be covered in some cases.*

Learn more about your covered services and find a dentist near you at SmileCalifornia.org.

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