

KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT



Children entering kindergarten are now recommended to have a dental assessment because of a new Michigan law. Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) is available to provide these assessments in schools.

What can school districts do?



NOTIFY PARENTS

Communicate about Michigan's Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment law and share the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Health Appraisal form.



PROVIDE ACCESS

Call OCHD to schedule on-site oral health assessment days at 248-858-1306. Students without a completed Health Appraisal form will receive an assessment during school hours.



COMPILE DATA

Collect the Health Appraisal forms and send a completed assessment report to MDHHS.

WHY IS DENTAL HEALTH IMPORTANT TO SCHOOLS?

- Students with poor dental health are nearly 3 times more likely to be absent.
- Dental-related absences costs 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/dental or call 1-800-848-5533