



ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Health Services Department

16700 Norwalk Blvd.
Cerritos, CA 90703

Dear Parent or Guardian:

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law now requires documentation of your child's dental check-up for first time Kindergarten and 1st Grade students who are entering any public school. Exams completed within the 12 months prior to school admission are acceptable for this legal requirement. This documentation must be received by May 1 of your child's first year in a public school. The law is specific; a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional must do the examination.

Attached for your convenience are the following forms:

- Oral Health Assessment Form: To be taken to the dental office and completed by the dental professional.
- Dental Resources: To help parents comply with this new law.
- Dental Health Tips: To help maintain your family's "Healthy Smile".

California law requires schools to maintain the privacy of student's health information. Your child's identity will not be associated with any report produced as a result of the requirement. If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact your school office.

Thank you,

School Nurse

Oral Health Assessment Request Form

California law, *Education Code* Section 49452.8, now requires that your child have an oral health assessment by May 31 in kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his or her first year of public school. The law specifies the assessment must be performed by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional. An oral health assessment with the proper documentation that occurs within the 12 months before your child enters school also meets this requirement.

Section 1

To be completed by the parent or guardian

Child's First Name:	Last Name:	Middle Initial:	Child's birth date:
Address:			Apt.:
City:			ZIP code:
School Name:	Teacher:	Grade:	Child's Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Parent/Guardian Name:	Child's race/ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		

Section 2

Oral Health Data Collection

To be completed by the dental professional conducting the assessment

Assessment Date:	<u>Visible caries and/or fillings present:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<u>Visible caries present:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<u>Treatment Urgency:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No obvious problem found <input type="checkbox"/> Early dental care recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent care needed
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Dental professional's signature or stamp

Date

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Oral Health Assessment Resources

The following resources will help locate a dentist to complete this dental health requirement.

1. California Department of Education web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/>
(Provides copies of needed forms.)
2. Med-Cal/Denti-Cal
 - Toll-free number: 1-800-322-6384 or Web site: <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>
 - Local area enrollment information web site: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs/medi-Calhome/CountyListing1.htm>
3. Healthy Families Enrollment information:
 - Toll-free number: 1-800-880-5305
 - <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/hfhome.asp>
4. Other local resources include but are not limited to:

Anthony Agra
17613 S. Pioneer Blvd.
Artesia, CA 90701
(562) 809-8482

Dr. Lopez
11135 E. 1583rd Street
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 804-2296

Bloomfield Dental Center
12657 – 166th Street
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 926-6502

Dr. Roshini Patel
62 Corporate Park, Suite 210
Irvine, CA 92606
(949) 861-7500
* Special Care Services/Dentistry
for Children with Special Needs

Children's Dental Health Clinic
455 E. Columbia Street
Long Beach, CA
(562) 933-3141

Children's Dental Health Clinic
10005 Flower Street
Bellflower, CA
(562) 804-8100

Children's Dental Clinic
Donald M. Brown, DDS
11635 E. South Street
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 924-4401
(714) 527-6271

Jong Han
11846 E. Carson Street
Hawaiian Gardens, CA
(562) 860-8544

Anna Belle Cuyong-Cruz
17510 Pioneer Blvd., Suite 201
Artesia, CA 90701
(562) 402-4952

Dr. Van
12859 Palm St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
(949) 726-1839
*Children with Special Needs 14
years or older

School Nurse's Support Healthy Smiles

1. A child is not ready for school if he or she has poor dental health.
2. Take your child to the dentist twice a year.
3. Choose healthy foods for the entire family.
4. Fresh foods are usually the healthiest food.
5. Brush teeth at least twice a day with toothpaste containing fluoride.
6. Floss at least once a day. Parents teach your child to floss.
7. Limit candy and sweet drinks, such as soda or punch.
 - The sugar in sweet drinks increases development of cavities.
 - Sweet drinks replace needed nutrients in a child's diet with empty calories.
 - These drinks contribute to weight gain that can lead to diabetes and other health problems.
8. Baby teeth are important.
 - They are needed to eat properly, talk, smile and maintain self-esteem.
 - Children with cavities have trouble eating, stop smiling, experience discomfort and have problems paying attention at school.
 - Tooth decay is an infection that does not heal and painful if not treated.
 - Untreated cavities can cause illness and damage to permanent teeth.
9. Cavities are preventable but affect more children than any other chronic disease.
10. Help your child learn to be healthy by teaching them good dental health habits.

Healthy Children Learn Better

