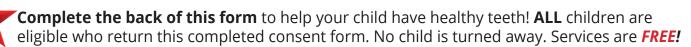


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Keeping your child's smile healthy!

Tennessee Department of Health's School Based Dental Prevention Program offers dental preventive services to your child for *FREE!* 

- Screenings and Education
- > Sealants
- > Fluoride Varnish



A referral note will be sent home after the visit explaining services provided and information to help find a dental home, if needed.

## PREVENTION VS. TREATMENT



Sealants, free and at your school



Treatment, a costly trip to the dentist

My child has already had sealants and sees a dentist regularly, should they participate?

### YES!

Sealants can last for many years but if your child's sealants come off, we can replace them on all permanent back teeth as needed for

Getting sealants are as easy as brushing your teeth and painless too!





For more information about our program and dental health, visit us on our website.

## Tooth Decay: The Problem

- Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease.
- About 1 of 5 (20%) children aged 5 to 11 years have at least one untreated decayed tooth.

#### Dental Sealants: The Solution

- Dental sealants are thin plastic coatings applied to the grooves on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth.
- Sealants prevent tooth decay and also stop cavities from growing.

### Prevention vs. Treatment

- Prevention Sealants are a short & easy process. The chewing surfaces of teeth are cleaned; sealants are painted into the grooves of chewing surfaces; the sealant is bonded to the tooth.
- Treatment requires an appointment with the dentist and may include (drilling) removing tooth structure/ replacing tooth structure.

The Tennessee Department of Health has placed over 4 million sealants on children in Tennessee schools since 2001. Visit us at: TN.gov/health/section/oralhealth



# DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM PARENT CONSENT FORM

## Dental Sealant & Fluoride Varnish Program

יר וסמו כווומ	Child's Name:					/		
		First	Middle	Last	Sex	Birth Date	Age	
	Home Address:	Street		City	State	Zi	p Code	
	Best Number to Reach You		Name of School	Gra	ide	Teache	r	
	Race (Please check all that apply)		☐ Black/African Amer☐ Native Hawaiian			Indian/Alaska	Native	
	Child's Social Security Number  Does your child have TennCare?   Yes   No							
	Tooth decay is one of the most common diseases found in children. Fluoride varnish can be painted on teeth to protect teeth from cavities. Fluoride varnish can be applied up to four times a year.							
Has your child seen a dentist within the past 12 months?						□ No		
רמופווו בטוואפווו	I give consent for my child to participate in the school-based dental preventive program conducted by Tennessee Department of Health. To the best of my knowledge, the medical history questions have been answered accurately. I have been given a copy of the health department's notice of privacy practices, or it is available to me through the school nurse or by calling my local health department.  Signature of Parent or Guardian  Date							
	Signatur	e of Parent or G	uardian			Date		

If your child does not have TennCare and you feel they may qualify, please apply online at www.healthcare.gov or call 1(800) 318-2596.



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