

DIXON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law, *Education Code Section 49452.8*, requires that your child have an oral health assessment by May 31. Assessments within the 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. The assessment must be done by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional.

Take the attached Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request form to the dental office. If you cannot take your child for this required assessment, please indicate the reason in Section 3.

The following resources will help you find a dentist and complete this requirement for your child:

1. Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal's toll-free number or Web site can help you to find a dentist who takes Denti-Cal: (800)322-6384; <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>. For help enrolling your child in Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal, contact your local social service agency at (800) 978-7547.
2. Healthy Families' can help you to find a dentist who takes Healthy Families insurance or to find out if your child can enroll in the program: (800)880-5305 or <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/hfhome.asp>

Remember, your child is not healthy and ready for school if he or she has poor dental health! Here is important advice to help your child stay healthy:

- Take your child to the dentist twice a year.
- Choose healthy foods for the entire family. Fresh foods are usually the healthiest foods.
- Brush teeth at least twice a day with toothpaste that contains fluoride.
- Limit candy and sweet drinks, such as punch or soda.

Baby teeth are very important. They are not just teeth that will fall out. Children need their teeth to eat properly, talk, smile, and feel good about themselves. Children with cavities may have difficulty eating, stop smiling, and have problems paying attention and learning at school. Tooth decay is an infection that does not heal and can be painful if left without treatment. If cavities are not treated, children can become sick enough to require emergency room treatment, and their adult teeth may be permanently damaged.

If you have questions about the oral health assessment requirement, please contact the District Nurse at (707) 693-6330 Ext. 7104 or email tvidmar@dixonusd.org.

Sincerely,



Brian Dolan
Dixon Unified School District Superintendent