

Dear Parent or Guardian:

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law now requires that your child have an oral health assessment (dental check-up) by May 31 in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his/her first year in public school. Assessments that have happened within the 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. The law specifies that 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, as it will be needed for your child's check-up. If you cannot take your child for this required assessment, please indicate the reason for this in Section 3 of the form. You can get more copies of the necessary form at your child's school or online from the California Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/>. California law requires schools to maintain the privacy of students' health information. Your child's identity will not be associated with any report produced as a result of this requirement.

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: 1-800-322-6384; <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>
2. Healthy Families Web site can help you to find a dentist who takes Healthy Families insurance or to find out if your child can enroll in the program: 1-800-880-5305 or <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/hfhome.asp>.
3. For additional resources that may be helpful, contact the local public health department at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs/medi-Calhome/CountyListing1.htm>

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.

Oral Health Assessment/Waiver 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 that the assessment must be performed by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional. Oral health assessments that have happened within the 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. If you cannot take your child for this assessment, you may be excused from this requirement by filling out Section 3 of this form.

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

Date

Return this form to the school by May 31

Original to be retained in child's school record.

REPORT OF HEALTH EXAMINATION FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

To protect the health of children, California law requires a health examination on school entry. Please have this report filled out by a health examiner and return it to the school. The school will keep and maintain it as confidential information.

PART I TO BE FILLED OUT BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

CHILD'S NAME—Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ BIRTH DATE—Month/Day/Year: _____

ADDRESS—Number, Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____ SCHOOL: _____

PART II TO BE FILLED OUT BY HEALTH EXAMINER

HEALTH EXAMINATION

NOTE: All tests and evaluations except the blood lead test must be done after the child is 4 years and 3 months of age.

REQUIRED TESTS/EVALUATIONS	DATE (mm/dd/yy)
Health History	/ /
Physical Examination	/ /
Dental Assessment	/ /
Nutritional Assessment	/ /
Developmental Assessment	/ /
Vision Screening	/ /
Audiometric (hearing) Screening	/ /
Tuberculin Test (Mantoux/PPD)	/ /
Blood Test (for anemia)	/ /
Urine Test	/ /
Blood Lead Test	/ /
Other	/ /

IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Note to Examiner: Please give the family a completed or updated yellow California Immunization Record.
Note to School: Please record immunization dates on the blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286).

VACCINE	DATE EACH DOSE WAS GIVEN				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
POLIO (OPV or IPV)					
DtaP/DTP/DTTd (diphtheria, tetanus, and [acellular] pertussis) OR (tetanus and diphtheria only)					
MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella)					
HIB MENINGITIS (Haemophilus influenzae B) (Required for child care/preschool only)					
HEPATITIS B					
VARICELLA (Chickenpox)					
OTHER					
OTHER					

PART III ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM HEALTH EXAMINER (optional)

RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Fill out if patient or guardian has signed the release of health information.

- Examination shows no condition of concern to school program activities.
- Conditions found in the examination or after further evaluation that are of importance to schooling or physical activity are: (please explain)

RELEASE OF HEALTH INFORMATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I give permission for the health examiner to share the additional information about the health check-up with the school as explained in Part III.

Please check this box if you do not want the health examiner to fill out Part III.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Name, address, and telephone number of health examiner

Signature of health examiner

Date

If your child is unable to get the school health check-up, call the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program in your local health department. If you do not want your child to have a health check-up, you may sign the waiver form (PM 171 B) found at your child's school.