

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All children enrolled are required to have a dental screening pursuant to IDPH 641 Chapter 51. The school nurse collaborates with regional public health designee, I-Smile Coordinators, who audit the admitting school official's compliance with IAC 641 Chapter 51. There is no school exclusion with this mandated health screening. Dental screenings help with early detection and treatment of dental disease, promote the importance of oral health for school readiness and learning, and contribute to statewide surveillance of oral health.

Each spring I-Smile coordinators (Dental Hygienists) come to schools. For each child who has not provided a dental certificate, a dental screening will be provided. A dental screening is an evaluation of the soft and hard tissues of the mouth and is done with a flashlight and gloves. A copy of the dental certificate will be sent home with results of the screening.

If your child has already had a dental screening and you have not turned in a certificate to the school, please call your dentist to arrange this. Our fax number is 641-764-2100.

- Get an official Certificate of Dental Screening form from your school nurse or local I-Smile™ Coordinator or dental office.
- Make an appointment for your child to get a dental screening. Return the completed form to the school.

Need help getting a dental screening? Your local I-Smile™ Coordinator can assist you! Call 1-866-528-4020 for contact information or visit: www.idph.state.ia.us/webmap/default.asp?map=ismile

You can also find forms and additional information on the dental screening requirement at: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ohds/OralHealth.aspx?prog=OHC&pg=Screenings>

If you do not want your child to receive a dental screening from the I-Smile program at school, please check "NO" in the space below and return to the office as soon as possible.

_____ **No, I do NOT want my child to receive a dental screening.**

_____ Childs name

_____ Parent/Guardian signature

If you have questions, please feel free to call me during school hours.

Thank you,

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