

If you have questions or need the help of an interpreter, please call your school office.
Si tiene alguna pregunta o si necesita la ayuda de un interprete, favor de llamar a la oficina de su escuela.
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CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is attending public school for the first time and beginning a learning adventure that will last a lifetime!

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law (Education Code Section 49452.8) 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 or 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.

What do I need to do to meet this requirement? 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.

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

1. List of Dentists: <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/provreferral/Fresno.pdf>
2. Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal's toll free number 1-800-322-6384 or Web site can help you to find a dentist who takes Denti-Cal <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>.
3. If you do not have dental coverage for your child, you may be income-eligible for coverage through the State of California's no-cost or low-cost insurance plans. CUSD offers enrollment assistance. To find out more information please call Amy Gomez @ (559) 327-7988.

Clovis Unified is committed to promoting the health and wellness of its students. Remember, many things influence a child's progress and success in school, including dental health.

- 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. Sweet drinks and candy contain a lot of sugar, which causes cavities and replaces important nutrients in your child's diet.

If you have questions about the new oral health assessment requirement, please contact your School Nurse or Clovis Unified School District Department of Nursing Services.

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