



## ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT REQUEST FORM

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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) 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.

Take the attached Oral Health Assessment Request form to the dental office, as it will be needed for your child's check-up. 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>. For help enrolling your child in Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal, contact your local social service agency at 1-800-336-8478.
2. Healthy Families' toll-free number or 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 209-558-8860 (CHDP Program)

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:

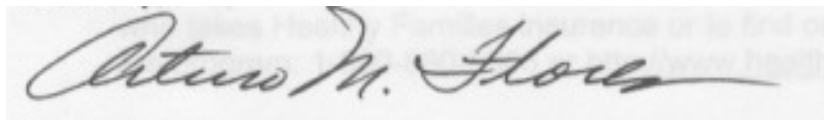
- Take your child to the dentist twice a year.
- Choose healthy foods for the entire family. Fresh foods are usually the healthiest foods.
- Brush teeth at least twice a day with toothpaste that contains fluoride.
- Limit candy and sweet drinks, such as punch or soda. Sweet drinks and candy contain a lot of sugar, which causes cavities and replaces important nutrients in your child's diet. Sweet drinks and candy also contribute to weight problems, which may lead to other diseases, such as diabetes. The less candy and sweet drinks, the better!

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.

Many things influence a child's progress and success in school, including health. Children must be healthy to learn, and children with cavities are not healthy. Cavities are preventable, but they affect more children than any other chronic disease.

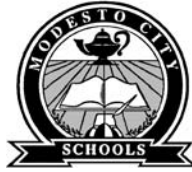
If you have questions about the new oral health assessment requirement, please contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arturo M. Flores". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Arturo Flores  
Modesto City Schools, Superintendent

Attachment



## Oral Health Assessment

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### 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"/> 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**

**DENTAL PROVIDERS**

Accepting Medi-cal and/or Healthy Families

Lista de Dentistas

Aceptando Medi-Cal o Healthy Families

Dental Referral Service.....1-800-336-8478  
Central CA Dental Surgi-Center ..... 381-8047  
Mid Valley Dental Foundation.....576-0410

**\*ABC DENTAL**

2020 Coffee Road #G-2  
Modesto  
491-2223  
Ages 5 & older

**\*BOYER, MICHAEL, DDS**

1801 Tully Road #A-1  
Modesto  
526-8180  
Ages 4-16

**\*SMILE CARE**

2900 Standiford Avenue #2  
Modesto  
577-5008  
Ages 6 & older  
Accepts Healthy Families

**\*GOLDEN VALLEY DENTAL**

Hanshaw Middle School (M & F)  
1717 Las Vegas  
Modesto  
556-5044  
Ages 4 & older  
Accepts Healthy Families

**\*GOLDEN VALLEY DENTAL**

Robertson Road School (T-W-TH)  
1121 Hammond Street  
Modesto  
576-4437  
Ages 4 & older  
Accepts Healthy Families

**\* Gomez, Martha DDS**

**Baycare Dental**  
2717 Coffee Road #M  
Modesto  
522-8783  
Ages 5 & older

**LE, NJOC THANH, DDS**

1100 Carver Road #5  
Modesto  
577-6959  
Ages 4 & older  
Accepts Healthy Families

**\*STANDIFORD DENTAL**

2900 Standiford Avenue #19  
Modesto  
579-0446  
Ages 6 & older  
Accepts Healthy Families

**\*STANDIFORD FAMILY DENTAL**

2000 Standiford Avenue #A  
Modesto  
574-9600  
Ages 5 & older  
Accepts Healthy Families

**VO, MAI, DDS**

2020 Coffee Road #A-4  
Modesto  
527-7550  
Ages 4 & older  
Accepts Healthy Families