

New in
2008!

Dental Screening Requirement for School Enrollment

Children enrolling for the first time in an Iowa elementary or high school are required to have a dental screening.

2+6=8

Elementary

- Applies to Kindergarten (or 1st grade if there is no Kindergarten) and out-of-state transfer students
- Screening must occur no earlier than age 3 but prior to age 6
- Screenings can only be performed by: dentists, dental hygienists, physicians, nurses, or physician assistants

High School

- Applies to 9th grade and out-of-state transfer students
- Screening must occur within previous year of enrollment
- Screenings can only be performed by: dentists or dental hygienists

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Local I-Smile Oral Health Coordinators will be working with schools throughout the state to help implement the requirement - including assisting families to get children screened and finding follow-up care as needed.

To find your local I-Smile Coordinator, go to:
www.idph.state.ia.us/webmap/default.asp?map=ismile

Required forms and additional information on the school dental screening requirement can be found at:
www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health_school_screening.asp