

Kindergarten Oral Health Requirement

The Law Requires a Kindergarten Dental Check-up

Did you know?

Children are required to have a dental check-up by May 31st of their first year in Kindergarten?

Dental evaluations that have happened within the 12 months prior to school entry also meet this requirement.

Why?

Children with cavities are not healthy. Cavities are preventable, but they affect more children than any other chronic disease! Children with cavities eat poorly, stop smiling, and don't learn properly.

If cavities are not treated, children can develop infections severe enough to require emergency room treatment and their adult teeth may be permanently damaged.

When should you take your child in for his/her first dental visit?

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry encourages a trip to the dentist when your child's first tooth erupts, usually between 6 to 12 months of age.

