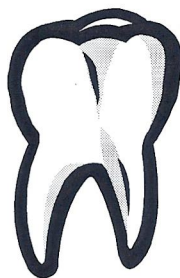


Dental Information



Iowa House File 906 was passed by the 2007 legislature and became effective July 1, 2008, requiring all children entering elementary (K) and High School (9th grade) to have a dental screening. The purpose of the dental screening requirement is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children. Dental screenings will facilitate early detection and referral for treatment of dental disease; reduce the incidence, impact and cost of dental disease; inform parents and guardians of their child's dental problems; encourage the establishment of effective oral health practices early in life; promote importance of oral health as an integral component of preparation for school and contribute to statewide surveillance of oral health.

Kindergarten requirements: The certificate of dental screening form must be completed by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant or nurse. A screening completed no earlier than the age 3, but no later than 4 months after enrollment is acceptable. If your student has had a screening during this time frame, ask your provider to fill out the form and return it to school.

9th Grade requirements: A screening must be completed no earlier than 1 year prior to enrollment and no later than 4 months after enrollment is acceptable. The dental screening can only be done by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist. Please have your provider fill out a form and return it to school.

If you cannot find a dentist or can't afford one, please contact the I Smile coordinator at 319-739-1545.