



School Dental Examinations

- All Illinois children in kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 6, and Grade 9 are required to have an oral health examination.
 - This is required for all public, private, and parochial schools.
 - [Examinations must be performed by a licensed dentist](#), and he/she must sign the Proof of School Dental Examination form.
 - Each child is required to present proof of examination by a dentist prior to May 15 of the school year.
- School dental examinations must have been completed within the 18 months prior to the May 15 deadline.
- Each school must give notice of the dental examination requirement to the parents or guardians of the children at least 60 days prior to May 15 of each school year.
- The Proof of School Dental Examination form and the Dental Examination Waiver form are uniform for statewide use. They are available in both English and Spanish/Español on the Illinois Department of Public Health website. Other organizations or agencies may link to this website to access the forms. The newest revised forms must be used. Please reference the Illinois Department of Public Health website to ensure you are using the current form. The current forms are linked below:
 - [Proof of School Dental Examination form – English](#)
 - [Proof of School Dental Examination form – Spanish/Español](#)
 - [Dental Examination Waiver form – English](#)
 - [Dental Examination Waiver form – Spanish/Español](#)
- If a child in Grades 2, 6, or 9 fails to present proof by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until:
 - The child presents a Proof of School Dental Examination form, OR
 - The child presents a Dental Examination Waiver form, OR
 - The child is enrolled in the free and reduced-price lunch program and is not covered by private or public dental insurance (Medicaid/All Kids).
 - The child is enrolled in the free and reduced-price lunch program and is ineligible for public insurance (Medicaid/All Kids).
 - The child is enrolled in Medicaid/All Kids, but the family is unable to find a dentist or dental clinic in the community who will accept Medicaid/All Kids and is able to see the child.

- The child does not have any type of dental insurance and there are no low-cost dental clinics in the community that will see the child.
 - The child presents an exemption based on religious grounds (follow [Public Health Administrative Rules](#)), OR
 - The child presents proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15.
 - These children must present proof of a completed dental examination before attending school in the subsequent year.
- Every school shall report to the Illinois State Board of Education by June 30:
 - Name of school
 - ZIP code of school location
 - Total number of children by demographic group subject to dental exam requirement
 - Number of children by demographic group with dental examinations completed
 - Number of children by demographic group with dental sealants present on permanent molar teeth
 - Number of children by demographic group without dental sealants present
 - Number of children by demographic group with caries experience/restoration history
 - Number of children by demographic group without caries experience/restoration history
 - Number of children by demographic group with untreated caries
 - Number of children by demographic group without untreated caries
 - Number of children by demographic group needing urgent treatment
 - Number of children by demographic group for whom a waiver is submitted for undue burden/lack of access
 - Number of children for whom a waiver is submitted because the child is enrolled in the free and reduced-price lunch program and not covered by private or public dental insurance (Medicaid/All Kids)
 - Number of children for whom a waiver is submitted because the child is enrolled in the free and reduced-price lunch program and is ineligible for public insurance (Medicaid/ All Kids)
 - Number of children for whom a waiver is submitted because the child is enrolled in Medicaid/All Kids, but is unable to find a dentist or dental clinic in the community who will accept Medicaid/All Kids and is able to see the child
 - Number of children for whom a waiver is submitted because the child does not have any type of dental insurance, and there are no low-cost dental clinics in the community that will see the child
 - Number of children by demographic group receiving an exemption based on religious objection
 - Number of children by demographic group receiving an exemption based on medical reason
 - Number of children by demographic group receiving an exemption based on disability
 - Number of children by demographic group submitting proof of an appointment scheduled within 60 days after the May 15 deadline
 - Number of children by demographic who did not return the assessment form or the waiver request to the school
 - Number of children by demographic enrolled in the preceding school year who submitted proof of an appointment scheduled within 60 days after the May 15 deadline and subsequently submitted a completed Proof of School Dental Examination form
- Schools are expected to report completely from all of the information available.
- For more information, visit www.isbe.net/pages/school-health-issues.aspx.