

# School Entry Dental Examination Requirements for Pre-K and Kindergarten

**Dear Parent and/or Guardian,**

Children with healthy teeth live longer, have more productive lives and higher self-esteem. The oral health of your child is important to ensure their school success, health and happiness. Please work with your Dentist and school to make sure your child has a healthy smile and great life!

**Students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the fall are required to show proof of a dental examination prior to entry into school. If your child is going into kindergarten and did not provide proof of a dental examination in Pre-K, proof will need to be provided for kindergarten enrollment.**

The dental examination should:

- Be completed within one year of the date of pre-enrollment or at the time of enrollment. There will be a grace period of 45 days from enrollment (first day of class) for students to provide proof of the completed dental examination.
- Provide proof that the student completed a dental examination within the last 12 months at the time of enrollment. Your school may provide a form to document a student dental examination or the Dentist may have their own form which should include at a minimum, the date when the exam was given and the Dentist's signature.

If your child is enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP, or any other dental insurance plan, the exam will be paid for by them. If your child needs insurance, please visit WWinRoads at <https://www.wwinroads.org/selfservice/> to see if you qualify for Medicaid or CHIP. If your child has already received their dental examination, please ask your child's Dentist to provide you with proof in the form of the date when the exam was given and the Dentist's signature. In order for the school to assist with follow-up care coordination with your Dentist, it would be beneficial if the information indicated need for additional dental work.

If you have any questions about the requirements, please contact **the School Nurse at your child's school**. For a list of School Nurses and contact information, please visit the Marion County Board of Education website at: [www.MarionBOE.com](http://www.MarionBOE.com), and select School Health link.