**Dental Screenings at School**

A school may choose to provide dental certification screenings at school. The screenings may be conducted using passive consent (i.e. all children are screened except those children providing an opt-out form).

The screenings must be provided by one of the following:

* Dentist;
* Dental hygienist;
* Health care practitioner; or
* Employee of an education provider trained by the guidelines established by the State Dental Director

**Training guidelines**: The State Dental Director requires screeners to follow the Basic Screening Survey (BSS) guidelines established by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD). The guidelines are presented in these videos:

* Video: ASTDD Basic Screening Survey for Dental Professionals (20 minutes)
* Video: ASTDD Basic Screening Survey for Non-Dental Professionals (20 minutes)

**Please note:**

* For certification screenings, only the categories of need are documented (i.e. untreated decay). It is not necessary to document the presence of fillings or sealants.
* An oral health screening conducted in Oregon must comply with the Oregon Board of Dentistry requirements ([http://www.oregon.gov/dentistry/pages/screen\_pol.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/dentistry/pages/screen_pol.aspx)):
* Screeners must provide results of the screening to the parents using the approved template of the Parent Notification form, located on the [Dental Screening - Resources and Information](https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/Dental-Screening---Resources-and-Information.aspx) webpage.

**Supplies needed for screening:**

* Disposable dental mirrors
* Pen lights
* Hand sanitizer
* Non-latex gloves
* Toothpicks or toothbrushes to remove food debris
* Paper towels on which to lay supplies
* Garbage bags

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