



Don't forget to schedule your child's required dental assessment!

What is the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA)?

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law requires children to have a dental assessment by **May 31** in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is their first year in public school.

Why is it important?



Poor oral health can affect a child's attendance, grades and overall performance in school. The KOHA helps ensure children are healthy and ready for a successful school year.

What is a Dental Home?

A dental home is a dental office where you and your child feel safe and comfortable going to.



STEPS TO COMPLETE THE KOHA:

- 1. Look out for a registration form and information from your child's school.**
They will give you a:
 - Letter about the KOHA requirement
 - Form that the dentist will complete during your child's assessment
- 2. Take your child to the dentist by May 31st.** You can visit SmileCalifornia.org/Find-A-Dentist to find a dental home for your family.
- 3. Ask the dentist to fill out the KOHA form at your child's visit.**
- 4. Give your child's school the completed form.** At this point, you're done with the requirement but not with your child's dental care!

As a Medi-Cal member, your child is covered for two dental check-ups and cleanings a year.



Visit SmileCalifornia.org to find your child's dental home today.