

## DENTAL EXAMINATIONS

are now recommended at  
school entry (PreK/Kindergarten)  
and Grades 2, 7 and 12



### PHASE-IN PLAN

2015/16 – PreK/Kindergarten

2016/17 – Grade 2

2017/18 – Grade 7

2018/19 – Grade 12

- Students entering these grades should provide documentation to their school showing they have had a **dental examination within the past 12 months**. At a minimum, the documentation must show the date the examination occurred and have the Dentist's signature. There is no special form to document the dental examination, but your school or local Dentist may provide you with a specific form to use.
- In order for a school and the Oral Health Program to assist with care coordination, it will be beneficial if the documentation also indicates any need for follow-up treatment (e.g., fillings, extractions, sealants, etc.).
- If a student does not already have a Dentist, please work with both the parent/guardian and the Oral Health Program to assist in finding the student a local dental home.
- If the parent/guardian does NOT provide documentation of a dental examination in the allotted timeframe (45 days from enrollment), the student will be eligible for participation in his/her school's Oral Disease Prevention Project (ODPP). This project is designed to assist a school/county in locating dental health providers to come to the school and provide students with an oral health assessment, as well as other preventive dental services.
- The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources – Oral Health Program partners with the West Virginia Department of Education and county Boards of Education to implement the Oral Disease Prevention Project and increase the number of school-based dental sealant programs throughout the state, as well as establish dental homes for students and ensure regular preventive oral health care.



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# School Dental Examination Flowchart

