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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Dental Exam for new enters in WV Public school Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and students progressing to grades 2, 7, and 12.

Parent /guardian submit documentation of completed dental exam to school personnel within 45 days of the start of the school year. After the Statewide Dental Exam Module is released, the dental provider will enter the exam dates, etc.

With parent/guardian consent, child enrolled in the Oral Disease Prevention Program at participating schools.

Child receives oral health assessment and preventive dental services in the participating school.

Documentation of dental exam or assessment input into State Dental Exam Data Base by the students’ Dental office/Dentist and/or school personnel as deemed appropriate for historical data entry.