

Dental Exams Required for School-Aged Children

New legislation requires all children in kindergarten, second and sixth grades to have a dental examination for the 05-06 school year. House Bill 752 was signed into Law and took effect on July 1, 2005. This law aims to improve the oral health of the children in Illinois by making dental examinations mandatory. Specifics of the law include:

- Exam must be performed by a licensed dentist
- Each school must give notice to the parents at least 60 days prior to May 15th of each school year.
- Each child must present proof of having been examined by a dentist prior to May 15th of the school year.
- If a child in 2nd or 6th grade fails to present proof by May 15th, the school may hold a child's report card until proof is presented of either an examination or that one will take place within 60 days after May 15th.

For more information and details about this new law, please visit the website of the IL Dept of Public Health at www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/home.htm or call 800-547-0466.

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