



# Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program (KOHA): What schools need to know

## What is required for the 2025-2026 school year?

- **Schools must notify parents of the dental screening requirement.** Students may not be excluded from attending if they have not completed the dental screening.
- Schools should **tell parents where the screening can be done**, including dates and times of on-site screening events.
- Collaborate with the Macomb County Health Department to **offer on-site dental screenings**.
- All Michigan schools are required by law to **report dental screening data to MDHHS**.

## How can kids get screened?

### If they have a dentist:

Parents should ask their family dentist to do an oral health assessment at their child's next visit. Parents then bring the completed screening form to their child's school.

### If they don't have a dentist:

The Macomb County Health Department will work with schools to offer free on-site screenings before and during the school year. All children may take part in screening events.

If a child does not have insurance, they may be able to enroll in the Healthy Kids Dental Program at [Michigan.gov/MDHHS/Assistance-Programs/Healthcare/ChildrenTeens/HKDental](https://Michigan.gov/MDHHS/Assistance-Programs/Healthcare/ChildrenTeens/HKDental).

## How can our school offer on-site screening events?

Contact the Macomb County Health Department. No-cost dental screenings can be offered at preschools, school registration events and in schools during the kindergarten school year.

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