



# 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.

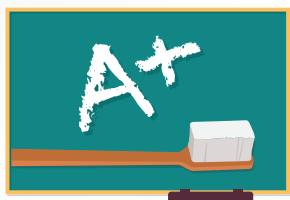
### Why is it important?



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](https://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](https://SmileCalifornia.org) to find your child's dental home today.