

## Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request Form

California law, *Education Code* Section 49452.8, now requires that your child have an oral health assessment in kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his or her first year of public school. The law specifies that the assessment must be performed by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional. Oral health assessments that have happened within the 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. If you cannot take your child for this assessment, you may be excused from this requirement by filling out Section 3 of this form.

### Section 1

#### To be completed by the parent or guardian

Child's First Name:	Last Name:	Middle Initial:	Child's birth date:
Address:			Apt.:
City:			ZIP code:
School Name:	Teacher:	Grade:	Child's Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Parent/Guardian Name:			

### Section 2

#### Oral Health Data Collection

#### To be completed by the dental professional conducting the assessment

Assessment Date:	Visible caries and/or fillings present: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Visible caries present: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Treatment Urgency: <input type="checkbox"/> No obvious problem found <input type="checkbox"/> Early dental care recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent care needed
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*Dental professional's signature*

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*Date*

### Section 3

#### Waiver of Oral Health Assessment Requirement

#### To be completed by a parent or guardian requesting to be excused from this requirement

I request that my child be excused from the oral health assessment requirement for the following reason: (Please check the box that best describes the reason.)

- I am unable to find a dental office that will take my child's insurance plan.  
My child is covered by the following insurance plan:  
 Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal     Healthy Families     Healthy Kids     None  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

- I cannot afford an oral health assessment for my child.  
 I do not wish my child to receive an oral health assessment.

Optional: other reasons my child could not get an oral health assessment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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California law requires schools to maintain the privacy of students' health information. Your child's identity will not be associated with any report produced as a result of this requirement. If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact your school office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Mill Valley School District

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Please be advised in order to make sure your child is ready for school, California law, *Education Code* Section 49452.8, now requires:

- That your child has an oral health assessment (dental check-up) in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his or her first year in public school.
- That dental exams must have been completed within 12 months before your child enters school, in order to meet this requirement.
- That a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional provides the assessment (dental exam).

Baby teeth are very important, as children need their teeth to eat properly, talk, smile and feel good about themselves. Children with cavities may have difficulty eating, may stop smiling, and may have problems paying attention and learning at school. Tooth decay is an infection that does not heal and can be painful if untreated. It is important to treat tooth decay to prevent possible permanent damage.

The following steps are important to meet this requirement:

**\*Take the Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request form (on reverse) to the dental office, so it can be completed at the time of your child's check-up.** If you cannot take your child for this required assessment, please indicate the reason for this in Section 3 of the form.

You can get more copies of the necessary form at your child's school or online from the California Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/>.

**Return the completed form to the school.**

The following resources will help you find a dentist and complete this requirement for your child:

1. Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal's toll-free number or Web site can help you to find a dentist who takes Denti-Cal: 1-800-322-6384; <http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov>.  
\* For help enrolling your child in Medi-Cal/Denti-Cal, you may contact Marin County Dental Services at (415) 473-5450 (English/Spanish).
2. Healthy Families' toll-free number or Web site can help you to find a dentist who takes Healthy Families insurance or to find out if your child can enroll in the program: 1-800-880-5305 or <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/hfhome.asp>.
3. For additional resources that may be helpful, contact the local public health department at Children's Oral Health Project at (415) 473-4248 (English) and (415) 473-6941 (Spanish).

If you have questions about the new oral health assessment (dental exam) requirement, please contact District nurse, Martha Parker, at (415) 389-7768 or [mparker@mvschools.org](mailto:mparker@mvschools.org).

Sincerely,



Andee Abramson  
Director of Student Support Services

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