Guidelines for
Oral Health Screening in Ohio Schools
Ohio Department of Health
Bureau of Health Promotion

The guidelines provide practical guidance to school nurses who choose to conduct school-based oral health screening (optional in Ohio). Consideration should be given to the availability of school and community dental resources for student referral, as the screening has value only if resources are available to refer families for needed care.

The guidelines, including a pocket guide, are designed for use by school nurses. These items, as well as a video, also may be accessed on the Web at http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/ohs/oral/oraledumat/edumats.aspx.
The video demonstrates how to conduct an oral health screening and includes:

- Steps to organize a screening
- Infection control considerations
- Screening set-up, procedure and technique
- How to prioritize oral screening observations for follow-up care
- Sample forms (consent, screening summary and parent follow-up letter)

The pocket guide's color photographs are useful in identifying oral health problems and prioritizing the need for dental care.

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