

What are Dental Sealants?

Dental sealants are a thin coating applied to the top of the back teeth (molars), which is where most cavities in children occur. In addition to protecting teeth from cavities, sealants can help stop minor cavities from growing. After sealants are applied, they protect against 80% of cavities.

What dental services are provided at school?

- Exam: visual dental exam performed
- Fluoride: varnish applied to help prevent cavities
- Sealants: protective coating applied to molars
- Oral Health Instructions (OHI) Presentation: educational session provided to students reviewing proper brushing/flossing techniques, teeth-healthy food choices, and tooth development prior to school sealant day



Who will be seen for these services?

- All students are eligible to be seen by the Dental Sealant Program.
- There are no income or other eligibility requirements.

How will the program work during school hours?

• Students with returned consent forms will visit a designated area for a visual exam performed by a dentist or hygienist. Tooth brushing instructions, sealants and a fluoride application will be provided. Students will be out of class for the shortest amount of time possible. All treatment and findings will be reported to the parent/guardian.

Will there be a cost for this dental service?

- There is no out-of-pocket cost to the families or the schools.
- If a child has insurance, the insurance may be billed, however there is no co-pay or deductible.

How can a child sign up?

- Parents/guardians will need to fill out a consent form for their child to be seen at school. Consent forms
 will be printed and given to teachers.
- Forms should be returned to teachers or front office staff as soon as possible.

What do parents need to do?

• Fill out the consent form and return it to child's teacher. Sealant dates will be announced by staff.