



AB 1433

California's Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment

Project Directors' Meeting

Topics

- Why?
- Nuts & Bolts
- Data collection and reporting
- CDA Resources

Why?

- > 25% of California's kindergartners = untreated decay; ~9% = extensive decay
- ~1/2 million California children miss school annually due to dental problems



Fact

Left untreated, dental decay can become severe enough to require emergency room treatment, use of general anesthesia and hospital costs exceeding \$20,000

Intent

- Raise awareness
- Connect children to dentists
- Encourage enrollment
- Maximize systems use
- Collect data
- Provide information



Assessment requirement

Children entering
public school for
first time at K or
1st grade

Basic screening
to full
examination

Within 12 months
of school entry
valid

What goes home?

Letter of notification

- Requirement details
- Importance of primary teeth, oral health & healthy behavior tips
- Local resources for care

Reporting form

- Child's personal information
- Basic screening survey:
 - caries experience
 - untreated caries
 - urgency
- Waiver and opt out provisions

Data reporting

Number of children who:

- are eligible
- returned assessment forms
- have experienced a dental caries
- have untreated decay
- requested a waiver, broken down by reason

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STUDENT ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

[Overview](#)[SJCOE/CEDR](#)[Accessibility](#)[Data Capture](#)[Reporting](#)[Sign Up](#)

Username:

Password:

Login

Welcome to the SCOHR (System for California Oral Health Reporting)

SCOHR was developed by the SJCOE (CEDR Department) and in collaboration with the ACSA, CDA, and CCSESA, to provide a centralized online method of all required student oral health assessment data.

Schools in participating districts will have access to input, manage, and track electronic Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request Forms and all oral health assessment data, bulk upload data to pre-fill the Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request Forms, print pre-filled Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request Forms (individually or in-bulk), and export all data into a standardized format.

SCOHR tracks the status of all Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request Forms. SCOHR also includes a Report Generator utility to run ad-hoc, custom lists and aggregate reports at the school, district, county, and/or state levels.

If your school, district or COE is interested in participating, please contact the SJCOE, CEDR department, at scohr@sjcoe.net. To login, if your account has already been set up, enter your username and password into the fields above and click the Login button. If you need help logging in please [contact our support](#).

Developed by CEDR Systems a department of San Joaquin County Office of Education.

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Welcome, Test School to your SCOHR school site administration page.

[View Pending Forms](#)

[View Signed Forms](#)

[View Waived Forms](#)

| Status | Total |
|---------|-------|
| Pending | 3 |
| Signed | 16 |
| Waived | 0 |
| Total | 19 |

Pending Forms

Forms that have been sent home but not returned. Forms are not complete until they have been waived or signed by a dentist.

Waived Forms

Completed forms returned to the school with the waiver section signed by a parent or guardian.

Signed Forms

Completed forms returned to the school with an evaluation signed by a dentist.

SCOHR update project

- Develop and maintain a listserv for communication
- Offer phone and email support to schools
- Develop a written user guide
- Develop at least two web-based training videos for users
- Make available a report generator to pull and compare aggregate data
- Make data available to county and state

Public awareness campaign

Healthy Kids Need Healthy Teeth



The law requires that kindergartners
receive a dental checkup.

La ley ahora requiere que los kindergartners
reciban un examen dental.

To learn more call **800.CDA.SMILE** or visit **cda.org**.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION



Public Resources

Find a Dentist

Dental Specialties

Low-Cost Dental Services

Dispute Resolution

Oral Health Fact Sheets

Community Resources

Kindergarten Oral
Health RequirementCalifornia Government
Benefits Programs

Fluoride and Fluoridation

Careers in Oral Health

Kindergarten Oral Health Requirement

Lack of access to dental care is a problem for many California children. Dental disease is one of the most common reasons for school absences, and children in pain, even when they attend class, are unable to concentrate and learn. The kindergarten dental checkup requirement, AB 1433 signed into law in 2005, is one way schools can support children's school readiness and success – by identifying children suffering from untreated dental disease and helping parents establish a dental home for their children.

For parents: AB 1433 requires your child receive an assessment of his or her oral health as part of school readiness activities for kindergarten entry (or first grade if this is your child's first year in public school). An oral health assessment conducted the year prior to kindergarten, or by May of your child's kindergarten year satisfies this requirement. Check with your child's school for details, as each school notifies parents and distributes the required form, which includes information about the law, consistent with school district policies.


For schools: AB 1433 funding is included in [categorical program funding](#) schools receive through the Local Control Funding Formula. Schools are urged to include AB1433 activities when developing their Local Control and Accountability Plans. In particular, these funds can be used to notify parents and legal guardians of the oral health assessment requirements and support data reporting. Schools can find resources on this website or by [visiting the CDE](#).

In 2018, the law was updated to provide the state dental director with more oversight for the program, including data collection. The grant funding to local health jurisdictions, authorized by Proposition 56 (2016), encourages coordination and reporting on kindergarten oral health assessment and is one of the deliverables ([Document D: Scope of Work](#)). California Schools are urged to watch for notifications from the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health with updates, training opportunities and advisories on AB 1433 and data reporting. Data collected and reported include:

- The total number of pupils who are subject to the requirement
- The total number who presented proof of an assessment
- The number who are assessed and found to have untreated decay
- The number who are assessed and found to have experienced dental disease (measured as either treated or untreated dental decay)
- The number who could not complete an assessment due to financial burden
- The number who could not complete an assessment due to lack of access to a licensed dental professional
- The number who could not complete an assessment because of lack of parental consent
- The number who did not return either the assessment form or the waiver request to the school

[More on AB 1433](#)

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Assessment Forms

[Sample Notification Letter - English](#)[Notification Letter Translations](#)[Sample Assessment/Waiver -
English](#)[Assessment/Waiver Translations](#)

2011-17 Reported Data

Low-Cost or Free
Dental Services

CDA and our 27,000 member dentists across California are pleased to provide assistance in locating a source of low-cost dental care.

Search for clinics that offer free or discounted dental services.

The California Dental Association Foundation, CDA and national partner America's Dentists Care Foundation, host CDA Cares, providing free dental care and education. Find the **details and location of the next CDA Cares event**.

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Questions?