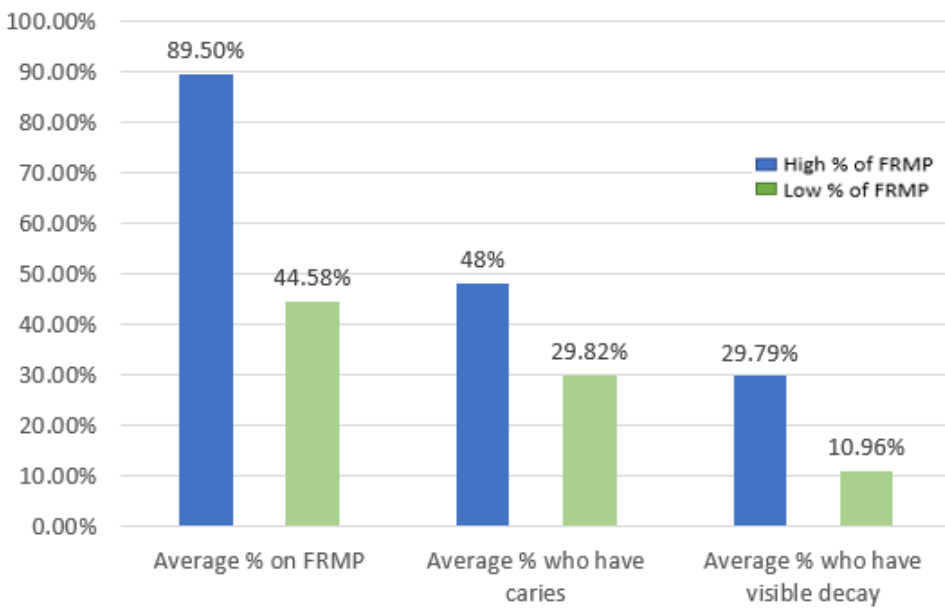


# Oral Health Program

## KOHA Snapshot



Schools with the highest percentage of students on Free and Reduced Meal Plans (FRMP) had a higher percentage of students with caries and visible decay versus schools with a lower percentage.

Children from schools with a high FRMP had visible decay rate nearly 3 times higher than their peers at higher income schools.

Sources: 2021-22 California Department of Education Free and Reduced Price Meals, 2021-2022 RC-OHP KOHA Data

## Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA)

### What is it?

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law requires that children have a dental check-up by May 31 in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is their first year in public school.

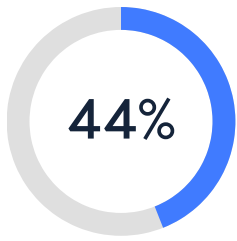


### Why is it important?

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.

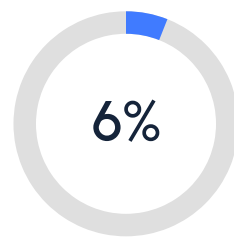
## KOHA Data School Year 21/22

### Yes for Caries Experience



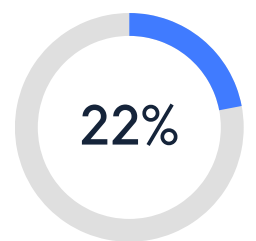
Caries experience is visible decay and/or fillings present.

### No. of Students Screened



Needed Urgent Care

### Visible Decay Present



Visible decay is weakened tooth enamel leaving a hole in the surface of the tooth.

Source: 2021-2022 RC-OHP KOHA DATA

## School Readiness facts

- Children who have poor oral health often miss more school and receive lower grades than children who don't.
- Children with cavities may also have difficulty eating, talking, and concentrating in school.
- Establishing good oral health habits in childhood helps create a lifetime of healthy smiles.

Source: 2021 Smile, California

## You Can Make A Difference By Promoting KOHA

- Promote the importance of the registration form that will be distributed to caregivers when they register their child for school.
- Encourage caregivers to visit or find a dental home.
- Remind caregivers to take their child for a dental check-up by May 31st.