



**KOHA**

# KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

*"Because Children's Oral Health Matters"*



## ✓ ORAL HEALTH FACTS:

- Children need healthy mouths to thrive
- Untreated cavities make eating and smiling difficult
- Teeth and gum pain impacts student learning
- In Santa Clara County, over 30% of kindergarten children have untreated tooth decay

### WHAT IS KOHA?



#### A Required Exam

California requirement since 2006 (AB1433) to lower school absenteeism.



#### Who Screens

Must be performed by a licensed dentist or registered dental hygienist.



#### The Due Date

Within 12 months prior to or by May 31 of the child's first year in school (K-1).



#### Places for Exams

School screenings, private dental offices, dental clinics, or local health events.

### NEED A FORM?

Schools provide KOHA screening forms in the student enrollment packet and reminders go out in February of each year. Find a digital copy of the online form here:

[Online KOHA Form \(ENG\)](#)

### KOHA QUESTIONS?

Our team is here to help. If you are a parent or caregiver of a child entering public school for the first time (Kindergarten or First Grade), learn more here:

[Learn About KOHA](#)

### NEED A DENTIST?

Finding the right dental home can make a difference. Visit [Smilecalifornia.org](http://Smilecalifornia.org) to find a dentist near you. Or visit this page for Santa Clara County Specifically:

[Help Finding a Dentist](#)

### NEED INSURANCE?

Many already have dental coverage though Medi-Cal. Medi-Cal Dental Benefit is a part of Medi-Cal. Learn more about dental coverage:

[Help Finding Insurance](#)

**For more information on KOHA (AB1433), visit [bit.ly/ab-1433](http://bit.ly/ab-1433).**

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