

**2026/27 school year**

Dear Parents/Guardians of **Incoming Freshmen Students**:

**Just a reminder:**

Legislation was passed by the State of Iowa, effective July 1, 2008, requiring all children entering Kindergarten and **ninth grade** to have proof of a dental screening unless they provide a religious exemption or file a financial hardship exemption. The purpose of the dental screening is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children and to provide audit information to the state.

Attached is the required Certificate of Dental Screening form. A screening must be completed **no earlier than one year prior to enrollment** and **no later than four months after enrollment**.

The only accepted documentation is the **IDPH Certificate of Dental Screening form**. If your child has recently been to the dentist, please take the attached form to the dentist to sign or have your dentist provide you with the form. **Completed forms should be returned to me at school as soon as possible. Please feel free to email the form or send it via mail if that works.**

If financial assistance is needed or assistance is needed to locate a dental health provider please contact me and I will be happy to help you.

Sincerely,

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**Certificate of Dental Screening**

