

**REGULATION 5141.32: Health Screening for School Entry**  
**Comparison Chart**  
 Section: Students

**SUMMARY OF UPDATE**

***Summary of Update:** Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 379, 2017) which changes the date by which the district must report oral health assessment data to the county office of education and/or state dental director and requires the certification form developed by the California Department of Education (CDE) to include parental rights related to oral health assessments offered at school sites. Regulation also deletes the requirement to notify parents/guardians of the telephone number for the Healthy Families program, which is no longer operational.*

PARA	Section	Sub-Section	September 11, 2012 CURRENT VERSION	July 1, 2018 REVISED VERSION	CSBA MODIFICATIONS and/or NOTES
			<b><u>Comprehensive Health Screening for Grades K-1</u></b>	No change	CSBA NOTE: The following optional regulation is for use by districts that offer grades K-1.
1			The parent/guardian of a student in kindergarten or first grade shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a certification form developed by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and signed by the student's health examiner certifying that the student has completed a comprehensive health screening within 18 months prior to entry into first grade or within 90 days thereafter.	No change	CSBA NOTE: Health and Safety Code 124085 requires students to have a comprehensive health screening within 18 months prior to entry into first grade or within 90 days thereafter, as provided below. At their discretion, districts may revise the following paragraph to require proof of the health screening before the student is admitted to school (kindergarten or grade 1), as recommended by the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) office of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in its CHDP School Handbook: School Entry Health Examination Requirements. Note: Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 124085, evidence of the comprehensive health screening must be provided on a form developed by the DHCS. Districts may obtain the DHCS "Report of Health Examination for School Entry" certification form through the

				CHDP program office at the local health department or on the CHDP web site.
2		The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of all kindergarten students of the requirement to obtain a health screening and of the availability of the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program established pursuant to Health and Safety Code 124025-124110 to assist eligible low-income families in obtaining the health screening.	No change	CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 124100, the notification described in the following paragraph must be provided in cooperation with the county's CHDP program established pursuant to Health and Safety Code 124025-124110. The CHDP program provides state-reimbursed health examinations at no cost to eligible students, including those who (1) are certified as eligible to receive Medi-Cal, (2) are not certified as eligible for Medi-Cal but have a family income at or below the level established annually by the DHCS, or (3) are attending a Head Start or State Preschool program. Annual eligibility criteria for the CHDP program are available on the DHCS web site.
3		The notice and certification form shall be included with the notification of immunization requirements provided to parents/guardians prior to their child's enrollment in kindergarten and shall encourage completion of the health screening simultaneously with immunizations. The notice shall also be provided to the parent/guardian of any student who is enrolling in first grade without having attended kindergarten in the district.	No change	CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph reflects legislative intent in Health and Safety Code 124105 encouraging students to complete the health screening in conjunction with immunizations prior to enrolling in kindergarten. The CHDP School Handbook: School Entry Health Examination Requirements recommends that schools include the parent/guardian notice in the kindergarten registration packet because it has been found to be most effective to collect the certification forms at kindergarten entry.
4		In lieu of the certification, the parent/guardian may submit a waiver on a form developed by DHCS indicating that he/she does not want or is unable to obtain a health screening. If the waiver indicates that the parent/guardian was unable to obtain the	No change	

		services, the reasons should be included in the waiver.		
5		The waiver form shall be provided to a parent/guardian upon request.	No change	CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. The CHDP School Handbook: School Entry Health Examination Requirements recommends that the waiver form be provided to parents/guardians upon request rather than distributed with the notification of the health screening requirement.
6		The completed certification form or the waiver shall be maintained in the student's health file or cumulative record.	No change	
7		During the first 90 days of the school year, the Superintendent or designee may contact any parent/guardian of a first-grade student who has not provided either the certification form or the waiver to ensure that the parent/guardian understands the health screening requirement and, if appropriate, his/her possible eligibility for the CHDP program.	No change	
8		The Superintendent or designee shall exclude from school, for not more than five school days, any first-grade student who does not present evidence of a health screening or a waiver on or before the 90th day after entering first grade. The exclusion shall begin on the 91st day after the student's entrance into the first grade, or if school is not in session, then on the next succeeding school day.	No change	
9		The Superintendent or designee may exempt a student from exclusion when his/her parents/guardians have been contacted at least twice between the first day and the 90th	No change	CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 124105, the exemptions described in the following paragraph may not exceed five percent of the district's first-grade enrollment.

		day after the student's enrollment in first grade and the parents/guardians refuse to provide either a certification form or a waiver.		
		<b><u>Oral Health Assessment for Grades K-1</u></b>	<b>No change</b>	
1		No later than May 31 of the relevant school year, the parent/guardian of a kindergarten student, or first-grade student who was not previously enrolled in kindergarten in a public school, shall certify that the student has received an oral health assessment. The oral health assessment shall have been performed by a licensed dentist or other authorized dental health professional no earlier than 12 months prior to the date of the student's initial enrollment. The parent/guardian shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a California Department of Education standardized form which has been completed and signed by the dental health professional.	No later than May 31 of the school year, the parent/guardian of any kindergarten student or of any first-grade student who was not previously enrolled in a public school shall certify that the student has received an oral health assessment. The oral health assessment shall have been performed by a licensed dentist or other authorized dental health professional no earlier than 12 months prior to the date of the student's initial enrollment.	
2		The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the oral health assessment requirement. The notification shall, at a minimum, consist of a letter that includes all of the following:	The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of students in grades K-1 of the oral health assessment requirement. The notification shall, at a minimum, consist of a letter that includes all of the following:	CSBA NOTE: The California Department of Education (CDE) has developed a sample parental notification letter, available on its web site, which satisfies the following requirements of Education Code 49452.8.
	1	An explanation of the administrative requirements of the law	<b>No change</b>	
	2	Information on the importance of primary teeth	<b>No change</b>	
	3	Information on the importance of oral health to overall health and to learning	<b>No change</b>	
	4	A toll-free telephone number to request an application for Healthy Families, Medi-Cal, or other government-subsidized health insurance programs	A toll-free telephone number to request an application for Medi-Cal or other government-subsidized health insurance programs	

	5	Contact information for county public health departments	No change	
	6	A statement of privacy applicable under state and federal laws and regulations	No change	
3		The notification and certification form shall be provided to parents/guardians when they register their child for school.	The notification, along with a copy of the certification form developed by the California Department of Education, shall be provided to parents/guardians when they register their child for school.	CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. As required by Education Code 49452.8, the CDE has developed a standardized "Oral Health Assessment Form," available on its web site, to be used by all districts to obtain the certification of the assessment.
			Following completion of the assessment, the parent/guardian shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a completed certification form which has been signed by the dental health professional.	<b>New paragraph added</b>
4		The student may be excused from complying with the oral health assessment if his/her parent/guardian indicates on the standardized form that it could not be completed for any of the following reasons:	A parent/guardian may be excused from complying with the oral health assessment requirements if he/she indicates on the certification form that the assessment could not be completed for any of the following reasons:	CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 49452.8, if parents/guardians are unable to obtain the oral health assessment for any of the reasons specified below, they must instead complete the section of the CDE's certification form indicating why an assessment could not be completed.
	1	Completion of an assessment poses an undue financial burden on the parent/guardian	No change	
	2	The parent/guardian lacks access to a licensed dentist or other dental health professional	No change	
	3	The parent/guardian does not consent to an assessment	No change	
			If the district hosts a free oral health assessment event at which licensed dentists or other licensed dental health professionals perform school site assessments of students enrolled in the school, any student who has	<b>New paragraph added</b>  CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. Education Code 49452.8, as amended by SB 379 (Ch. 772, Statutes of

			not had an oral health assessment shall be given an assessment unless his/her parent/guardian has indicated on the certification form that he/she does not consent to the student receiving an assessment. However, a student shall not receive dental treatment of any kind without his/her parent/guardian's informed consent for the treatment.	2017), requires the CDE's certification form to include specified information in regard to parental rights related to school site oral health assessments.
5		Students who are not assessed, or for whom the parents/guardians fail to return the standardized form, shall not be excluded from school attendance.	Students who are not assessed, or for whom the parents/guardians fail to return the certification form, shall not be excluded from school attendance.	CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional.
6		By December 31 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall report data on oral health assessments to the county office of education in accordance with Education Code 49452.8.	By July 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall report data on oral health assessments to the state dental director and/or the county office of education in accordance with Education Code 49452.8.	CSBA NOTE: SB 379 (Ch. 772, Statutes of 2017) amended Education Code 49452.8 to change the date for reporting oral health assessment data, as provided in the following paragraph.
7		The report shall also be provided to the Governing Board. The identity of any student shall not be included in the report.	<b>No change</b>	