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Dental Screening and Data Collection FAQ 2020

This FAQ is a guidance document to assist school districts in the implementation dental screening collection and reporting requirements. Please review OAR 581-021-0017, and consult with district legal counsel. Further information, including forms and certificates, please refer to ODE's Website:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/Dental-Screening---Resources-and-Information.aspx>

1. Are School Districts required to perform dental screenings?

- No

2. What does OAR 581-021-0017 require districts to do?

- Collect a dental screening certificate from students who are 7 years of age or younger and who are beginning an education program (new student) for the first time.
- Provide dental resources and information.
- Complete ODE's annual Dental Screening Data Collection by July 31, 2020, providing information on student dental screening certificates.
- OAR 581-021-0017 reads: Each education provider shall:
 - (a) File in the student's dental health record any certifications and results of a dental screening known by the education provider.
 - (b) Provide the parent or guardian of each [new] student with information about:
 - (A) The dental screenings;
 - (B) Further examinations or necessary treatments; and
 - (C) Preventive care, including fluoride varnish, sealants and daily brushing and flossing.

3. Is there a negative consequence for students who do not submit a dental screening certificate?

- No.

4. Can parents opt-out their child from the dental screening requirement?

- Yes, a parent can opt their child out of the dental screening requirement in writing if:
 - (a) The student submitted certification to a prior education provider;
 - (b) The dental screening is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student; or
 - (c) The dental screening is a burden for any of the following reasons:
 - (A) The cost of obtaining the dental screening is too high;
 - (B) The student does not have access to a screener or;

(C) The student was unable to obtain an appointment with a screener

5. If my district wants to perform dental screening, what are the requirements?

- If a district decides to perform or arrange with a community partner to provide dental screenings at school, OAR 581-021-0017 requires that these screenings be performed by
 - (A) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679;
 - (B) A dental hygienist licensed under ORS 680.010 to 680.205;
 - (C) A health care practitioner who is acting in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education; or
 - (D) A person who:
 - (i) Is the following:
 - (a) An employee of an education provider; and
 - (b) Trained in accordance with guidelines established by the dental director appointed by the Oregon Health Authority; and
 - (c) Is acting in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education in collaboration with the dental director appointed by the Oregon Health Authority.
- This information is provided on ODE's website: <http://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/Dental-Screening---Resources-and-Information.aspx>

6. How do school districts report data to ODE?

- Districts collect screening data on new students who are 7 years of age or younger and who are beginning an education program for the first time. Data to be collected should include:
 - (a) Total number of new students who are 7 years of age or younger and who are beginning an education program for the first time
 - (b) Number of new students who submitted a dental screening certificate.
 - (c) Number of new students who did not submit a certificate.
 - (d) The reasons why students did not submit a certificate.
- The data collection window for 2020 is May 7 through July 31, 2020.

7. What is done with the data?

- ODE will summarize results and submit the summary to the interim legislative committees on education and to the dental director appointed by the Oregon Health Authority.

8. When is the data due?

- July 21, 2020.

9. NEW: How do I access the data collection?

- The Dental Data collection is now up on ODE's District webpage, along with other collections: <https://district.ode.state.or.us/home/>.

10. Who should submit the data?

- A designated person from the school district.
- School districts would submit data **once**— that includes information from all public schools in their district, including charter schools.
- ESDs should not submit data on their own.
- ESDs should work with districts so that everyone is counted through the school district.

11. SB 2972 requires school districts to “Provide the parent or guardian of each student with information”. Will the State provide standard information or resources for parents?

- OAR 581-021-0017 requires the state dental director to develop standardized information for districts to distribute in regards to dental screenings, follow-up exams or treatments, and preventive care including fluoride varnish, sealants, and daily brushing and flossing.
- You can find standard information on ODE’s website:
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