



THE FACTS
ABOUT

I-Smile™ @ School

What is I-Smile™ @ School?

I-Smile™ @ School is a dental program that provides no-cost dental screenings, dental sealants, fluoride varnish, and education for students. This dental program takes place during the school day and students miss very little class time.

Why is dental care so important?

Cavities can impact a student's ability to learn, eat, and speak properly, sleep, and build self-confidence. Dental sealants and fluoride varnish help protect the teeth and prevent cavities. They save time, money and the discomfort related to cavities and are important for your child's health!



You Should Know...

What is a dental screening?

- A dental screening is a simple look in the mouth to check the condition of the teeth and determine if dental sealants or fluoride varnish are needed.
- A dental screening does not take the place of a dental checkup at a dental office.

What are dental sealants?

- A dental sealant is a tooth-colored material that is applied to the chewing surfaces of back teeth.
- Sealants protect teeth from germs and food that can cause cavities.

When should a child's teeth be sealed?

- A child's back teeth should be sealed as soon as they erupt. These teeth usually come in around the ages of 6 and 12 years.

How are dental sealants applied?

- Applying sealants is simple and painless.
- The teeth are cleaned and the sealant liquid is painted in the grooves of the chewing surfaces with a small brush.

How long do dental sealants last?

- Sealants can last for many years if your child takes good care of his or her teeth.
- Sealants should be checked at each dental visit and reapplied if needed.

What is fluoride varnish?

- Fluoride varnish is a sticky liquid that is quickly and easily applied to all tooth surfaces.
- It tastes good and should be applied 2-4 times each year to reduce a child's risk of cavities.

How much do these services cost?

- All I-Smile™ @ School program services are provided at no-cost.

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