

# New York State's Dental Health Certificates Law

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## What does this law require?

- The law requires that schools request from students entering grades K, 2, 4, 7, and 10, present a dental health certificate.
- In turn the objective is to offer free or reduced fee assessments for children who would be otherwise unable to afford a dental assessment.

## Why is this law important?

- Access to oral health care for children.
- It will aid in working to fulfill the objectives of the “New York State Oral Health Plan” ([www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/dental/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/dental/)) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services “Healthy People 2010” initiative ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov)).

## What is the role of New York State Dental Foundation, New York State Dental Association, and component dental societies in partnering with local communities?

- It will strive to improve the oral health of children in New York State by bringing together all stakeholders to promote this important legislation.



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