SF Department of Public Health - SFUSD Annual Kindergarten Dental Screening

**SFUSD Kindergarten Dental Screening Surveillance Program**

The Kindergarten Dental Screening Program is the San Francisco Dept. of Public Health Department’s primary oral health surveillance activity. Assessment through health surveillance is a core public health function.

This dental assessment program is a collaborative between the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) SFHN Dental Services, San Francisco Dental Society (SFDS) and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) which provides a yearly oral health assessment to every kindergartener enrolled in the SFUSD.

**Total number of Kindergarteners enrolled in SFUSD: Numbers and % screened:**

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<th>Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Number of SFUSD Kindergarteners Screened</th>
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<td>14/15</td>
<td>3978</td>
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**AIMS: The program was created:**

- To monitor and identify disease trends over time (level and demographic distribution)
- To provide data to develop and target appropriate interventions and resources
- To mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve oral health problems
- To develop policies and plans that support individual and community health
- To research for new insights and innovative solutions
- To demonstrate that public-private partnership can improve health outcomes
- To assist children into a dental home – a place where he or she receives continuous, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent oral health care

**POPULATION SERVED: All children enrolled in SFUSD Kindergarten**

The San Francisco program was one of the models used to support the development of Education Code Section 49452.8, legislation passed in passed in 2005 as AB 1433, which requires public school children to have their oral health assessed by a licensed dental professional (dentist or dental hygienist) by May 31 of their first year of school.

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