## **Dental Health Certificate- Optional**

Parent/Guardian: New York State law (Chapter 281) permits schools to request an oral health assessment at the same time a health examination is required. Your child may have a dental check-up during this school year to assess his/her fitness to attend school. Please complete Section 1 and take the form to your registered dentist or registered dental hygienist for an assessment. If your child had a dental check-up before he/she started the school, ask your dentist/dental hygienist to fill out Section 2. Return the completed form to the school's medical director or school nurse as soon as possible.

Section 1. To be completed by Parent or Guardian (Please Print)				
Child's Name:	Last		First	
Birth Date: / / Month Day Year	Sex: □ Male □ Female	Will this be y	your child's first oral health	assessment?
School: Name				Grade
Have you noticed any problem in the mouth that interferes with your child's ability to chew, speak or focus on school activities? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No				
I understand that by signing this form I am consenting for the child named above to receive a basic oral health assessment. I understand this assessment is only a limited means of evaluation to assess the student's dental health, and I would need to secure the services of a dentist in order for my child to receive a complete dental examination with x-rays if necessary to maintain good oral health.				
I also understand that receiving this preliminary oral health assessment does not establish any new, ongoing or continuing doctor-patient relationship. Further, I will not hold the dentist or those performing this assessment responsible for the consequences or results should I choose NOT to follow the recommendations listed below.				
Parent's Signature				Date
Section 2. To be completed by the Dentist/ Dental Hygienist				
I. The dental health condition of on (date of assessment) The date of the assessment needs to be within 12 months of the start of the school year in which it is requested. Check one:				
$\square$ Yes, The student listed above is in fit condition of dental health to permit his/her attendance at the public schools.				
$\square$ No, The student listed above is not in fit condition of dental health to permit his/her attendance at the public schools.				
NOTE: Not in fit condition of dental health means, that a condition exists that interferes with a student's ability to chew, speak or focus on school activities including pain, swelling or infection related to clinical evidence of open cavities. The designation of not in fit condition of dental health to permit attendance at the public school does not preclude the student from attending school.				
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