

DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM



Keeping your child's smile healthy!

**CONSENT
FORM ON
BACK**

Tennessee Department of Health's School Based Dental Prevention Program offers dental preventive services to your child for **FREE!**

- Screenings and Education
- Sealants
- Fluoride Varnish



Complete the back of this form to help your child have healthy teeth! **ALL** children are eligible who return this completed consent form. No child is turned away. Services are **FREE!**

A referral note will be sent home after the visit explaining services provided and information to help find a dental home, if needed.

PREVENTION VS. TREATMENT



Sealants, free and at your school



Treatment, a costly trip to the dentist

Getting sealants are as easy as brushing your teeth and painless too!



For more information about our program and dental health, visit us on our website.

Tooth Decay: *The Problem*

- Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease.
- About 1 of 5 (20%) children aged 5 to 11 years have at least one untreated decayed tooth.

Dental Sealants: *The Solution*

- Dental sealants are thin plastic coatings applied to the grooves on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth.
- Sealants prevent tooth decay and also stop cavities from growing.

Prevention vs. Treatment

- Prevention - Sealants are a short & easy process. The chewing surfaces of teeth are cleaned; sealants are painted into the grooves of chewing surfaces; the sealant is bonded to the tooth.
- Treatment requires an appointment with the dentist and may include (drilling) removing tooth structure/ replacing tooth structure.

My child has already had sealants and sees a dentist regularly, should they participate?

YES!

Sealants can last for many years but if your child's sealants come off, we can replace them on all permanent back teeth as needed for **FREE!**

The Tennessee Department of Health has placed over **4 million sealants** on children in Tennessee schools since 2001. Visit us at: TN.gov/health/section/oralhealth