

**STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**PREVENTIVE DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

*This prevention-oriented program is provided by licensed Public Health Dental Hygienists.*

**DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION**

*The Dental Hygienist provides classroom education (appropriate to grade level), emphasizing prevention, brushing, flossing and healthy nutrition. This program meets requirements in the human growth and development curriculum of the Board of Education. Education is also provided for other community groups upon request.*

**DENTAL HEALTH SCREENING**

*The Dental Hygienist provides a yearly dental screening of all elementary and middle school students. Parents are notified whenever dental concerns are found. Dental changes in children occur rapidly. This screening does not take the place of regular dental checkups. This screening provides early, periodic evaluation of oral health for referral and treatment of dental concerns. It focuses attention on wellness and health by promoting preventative services. Children should be examined by a dentist at least once a year.*

**DENTAL FLUORIDE RINSE PROGRAM**

*Fluoride is the most effective agent available to prevent tooth decay. This program is offered weekly to students in grades 1-5. Participation is voluntary. Children rinse with fluoride to help strengthen their tooth enamel. This program is endorsed by the Connecticut State Department of Health, the United States Public Health Services, the Stamford Dental Society and the Connecticut Public Health Dental Hygienists Association.*

**DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM**

*A new pilot program for sealants at two public elementary schools was recently announced by The Stamford Health Department. This program will be offered at no cost to second graders. Dental sealants are thin, protective plastic coatings which will be applied to fully erupted, healthy, permanent molars. Sealants fill in the grooves on the chewing surfaces of molars where food and bacteria can stick and cause cavities.*

Your child's health, comfort, behavior and progress in school may be seriously affected by lack of proper dental care. Your interest and encouragement can greatly reduce dental problems.

Sincerely,

---

Dr. Anthony L. Mazzullo  
Superintendent of Schools

---

Anthony B. Iton, M.D., J.D., M.P.H.  
Director of Health and School Medical Adviser