

# Why are Dental Sealants so important?

Sealants prevent tooth decay and also stop cavities from growing. The Surgeon General's report on oral health indicates that sealants can reduce decay in school children by more than 70 percent.

School-based dental sealant delivery programs provide sealants to children unlikely to receive them otherwise.

School-based sealant programs are especially important for reaching children from low-income families who are less likely to receive private dental care.

- CDC Division of Oral Health



In 2015, 75% of Arizona third graders needed dental sealants.  
- ADHS, OOH: 2015

Help Arizona's children prevent tooth decay - Sign Up for the Arizona School-based Sealant Program!

The Arizona School-based Sealant Program: Provided at NO COST to the school, child or family!

#### Who Qualifies:

Second and Sixth grade children

- With parental consent,
- With a need for sealants,
- With No private dental insurance,
- Attending schools with a high level of participation in the Free/Reduced School Meal Program.

#### For questions please contact:

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<http://www.azdhs.gov/cfhs/ooH/sealant.htm>

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# Arizona School-based Sealant Program

Serving Arizona's children since 1987

"Oral health is essential to the general health and well-being of all Americans."

-Oral Health in America, A Report of the Surgeon General

"Sealants prevent tooth decay and stop cavities from growing."

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## How Healthy are Arizona's Children?

In 2015, 60% of Arizona third graders were affected by tooth decay; 30% had pain, dental infection or severely decayed teeth in need of urgent treatment.

- ADHS, OOH: 2015



**Before Sealant:** food and bacteria become trapped in grooves and pits



**After Sealant:** grooves and pits are sealed and protected from food and bacteria

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