



Picking a Dental Provider Tip Sheet



Questions to Consider...

1. Can they provide services in my borough/district?
2. What dental services do they provide?
3. Do other schools in my network use this provider? Can I ask them about their experience?
4. How often do I want my students to receive preventive care?
5. What kind of space do they require for a dental visit?
6. How many students can they see in a day?
7. What is their referral process for students who need additional follow-up care?
8. Do other schools in my building already have a dental provider?

Dental Services Cheat Sheet

Services	Definition
Preventive Services	
Dental Examination	A visual assessment of the mouth
Prophylaxis	Dental cleaning
Topical Fluoride	A topical coating applied on all teeth which helps prevent tooth decay by up to 42%
Silver Diamine Fluoride	Arrests the progress of existing tooth decay and can also prevent formation of new cavities
Sealants	A thin protective coating applied to the back teeth which helps prevent tooth decay by up to 80%
X-Ray	Images of the mouth taken to assess cavities and tooth development that are not visible through the visual assessment
Restorative Services	
Restorative Care	Treatment of tooth decay