



New Haven Public Schools
School Based Dental Clinic
Department of School Health Centers/Dental Clinics

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Important News!

NHPS Dental Clinics require parents to enroll students to have services. Until now, permission forms were on paper. Access dental permission forms [HERE](#) or use the QR Code below.



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What is a dental screening?



A dental screening is a visual inspection of children's oral cavity in a school setting followed by making parents aware of their child's current oral health status and treatment needs.

Once a year the NHPS Dental team provides dental screenings to all students in the 6 schools that currently provide dental services.

This is a huge service to students that do not regularly get dental treatment and do not have a “dental home”.

Our Hygienists have screened over 1300 students in 2019-20, then COVID hit and everything stopped. Only 3 schools were screened in 2019-20.

Of the schools screened, over 120 students were found to have immediate dental needs that include

- Infection
- Trauma to the mouth
- Student in pain
- Broken teeth
- Cavities

These all would have gone unnoticed without this simple screening of a mirror and a flashlight.

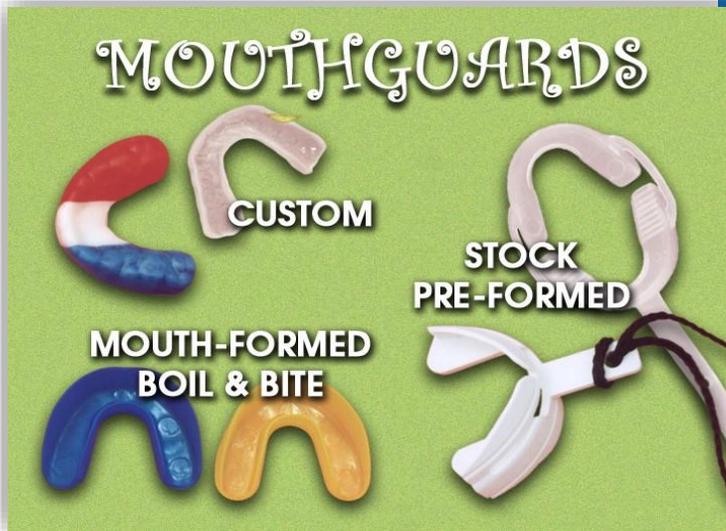
During the screening students are also identified for need of sealants. This is a preventive measure so cavities do not occur in their permanent teeth.



As always, we follow all CDC guidelines during the dental screening, keeping the student and clinician safe. Additional use of face shields are also worn by the clinician. (not pictured here).

Mouthguards

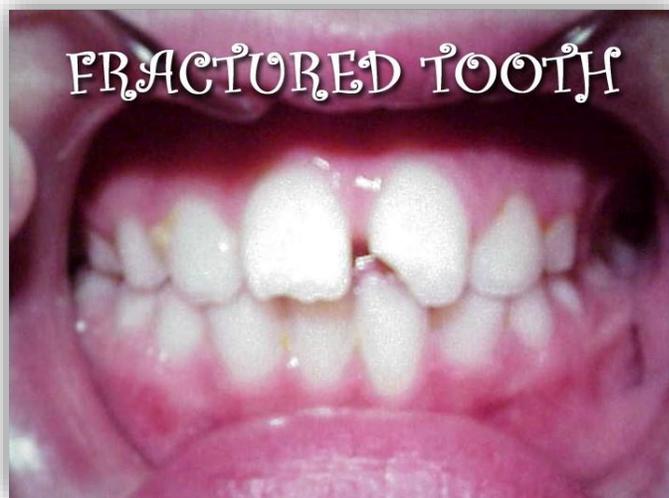
Need a protective mouth guard while playing sports? Our dentist can now provide one!!



Any contact sport requires an athletic mouthguard, but even sports that discourage contact between the participants can still result in collisions and accidents.

A wayward elbow, an accidental trip and even running into a teammate can cause dental injuries in worse case scenarios.

A general list of sports that often require athletic mouthguards include: football, basketball, hockey, field hockey, lacrosse, gymnastics, boxing, rugby, martial arts, baseball, softball, volleyball and wrestling.



Mouthguards help to prevent the following:

- Cuts and bruising during impact.
- Tooth fractures or dislocations by cushioning the teeth.
- Opposite teeth are protected from contact with each other.
- The lower jaw is protected so impact does not fracture or damage the bone.
- Help reduce injury to the brain.

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School Based Dental Clinics in the following schools:

Barnard - 475-220-3507

Brennan Rogers - 472-220-2219

Hill Central - 475-220-6121

King Robinson - 475-220-2793

Troup - 475-220-3078

Truman - 475-220-2148



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