

TOOTHBRUSHING

With concerns about the increase in tooth decay among young children, the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) recently adopted a new regulation for child care settings, number 606CMR 7.11 (11) (d), to promote oral health and prevent tooth decay.

Child Care workers must assist children with brushing their teeth if:

1. The children are in care for more than 4 hours, or
2. They have a meal while in care.

If you would like your child to brush his/her teeth at school, please send in a toothbrush labeled with their child's name as well as an appropriately ventilated holder, and toothpaste. Children will be supervised when brushing his/her teeth. Toothbrushes and toothpaste will be sent home each day in his/her lunchbox.

Please check whether or not you would like your child to brush teeth at school.

_____ No, I do not want my child to brush teeth at school.

_____ Yes, I would like my child to brush teeth at school.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____