



Helpful Acronyms

SMC Oral Public Health
Program = **SMC OPHP**
Kindergarten Oral Health
Assessment = **KOHA**
System for California Oral
Health Reporting = **SCOHR**
Transitional Kindergarten = **TK**
Kindergarten = **K**

KOHA Completion Questions

KOHA is a brief screening that helps identify the overall health of a child's mouth. It is not a complete oral health evaluation and does not replace a regular dental visit.

KOHA Eligibility Requirements: Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten (K), and first-time first graders who did not attend a public TK or K program.

Can a KOHA form be completed by a dentist licensed outside the state of California?

What about outside the country?

It is acceptable under the California statute to accept KOHA forms signed by non-California providers, but not from non-U.S. licensed providers.

For U.S. licensed dental providers from outside California including dentists and dental hygienists, the Office of Oral Health recommends that their active licensure be verified individually through state regulatory dental boards or associations.

A student moved to CA from another state. Is KOHA completion required?

Yes. If this is the student's first time enrolling in a California public school in TK, K or 1st Grade, the parent/guardian is still required to complete the KOHA form.

Even if the student completed a similar oral health assessment in another state, California's KOHA form must still be completed.

A student transferred from another school. Is KOHA completion required?

This depends on where the student transferred from. If the student transferred from another California public school in TK, K or 1st grade, their completed KOHA form should be included in their transfer records, and they typically do not need to complete the assessment again.

As a best practice, schools should review transfer records to confirm whether KOHA has already been completed. If no record of completion is available, the student should complete the KOHA requirement.

If my public school offers on-site dental screenings, do parents need to complete a consent form?

Under [EDC 49452.8](#), schools may provide on-site dental screenings that meet the KOHA requirement using passive consent. This means that all eligible students at public schools will receive a dental screening to meet the KOHA requirement, unless a parent/guardian submits a signed opt-out form.

**Passive
Consent
For KOHA**



SCOHR Questions

SCOHR Data Entry Due Date: July 1st

Who is responsible for entering KOHA data into SCOHR?

School districts or County Office of Education determine which staff member is responsible for entering KOHA data into the [SCOHR](#). The OPHP does not assign this responsibility.

What do schools need to enter into SCOHR?

Information collected from completed KOHA forms must be entered into the SCOHR database for each school.

After reporting the data into SCOHR, what next?

School nurses and staff play an important role in helping connect students with urgent dental needs to a dental home.

For students marked "*urgent care needed*," school health and office staff can follow up with parents/guardians to support connection to dental care as soon as possible.

KOHA Data Excel Worksheet: A tool for entering data



OPHP recommends using the [KOHA Data Excel Worksheet](#), which simplifies data entry by auto-populating information in the format required for SCOHR submission.

A student completes KOHA in TK, do they need to complete the KOHA again in K?

No. The KOHA requirement only needs to be completed once during the two-year TK–K period. Students who complete the KOHA assessment in TK do not need to complete it again when they enter Kindergarten. Schools should still distribute KOHA forms at enrollment in both TK and K.

Can the OPHP check which students from my school have completed KOHA already?

No. The OPHP cannot view which individual students have completed and submitted KOHA forms. OPHP can only access aggregate (numerical) data submitted through the SCOHR system, not individual student records. Schools and districts are responsible for tracking and coordinating student KOHA completion locally.

Scan or click the QR code:

- Open the KOHA webpage
- Access parent KOHA resources and outreach messaging
- View dental coverage information
- Download the KOHA Data Excel tracking worksheet
- Watch the step-by-step KOHA data training video

