

**641—51.1(135) Definitions.**

*“Admitting official”* means the superintendent of schools or the superintendent’s designated representative if a public school; if an accredited nonpublic school, the governing official of the school.

*“Applicant”* means any person seeking first-time enrollment in kindergarten or ninth grade in a public or accredited nonpublic elementary school or high school in Iowa.

*“Dental hygienist”* means a person licensed to practice as a dental hygienist.

*“Dentist”* means a person licensed to practice as a dentist.

*“Electronic signature”* means a confidential personalized digital key, code, or number that is used for secure electronic data transmission and that identifies and authenticates the signatory.

*“Elementary school”* means kindergarten through grade six in an Iowa school district or accredited nonpublic school.

*“Gum infection”* means that gum (gingival) tissue is red, bleeding, or swollen.

*“High school”* means grades 9 through 12 in an Iowa school district or accredited nonpublic school.

*“Injury”* means soft tissue laceration or a broken or dislodged tooth.

*“I-Smile”* means the department program designed to increase access to dental care for children and to ensure a dental home.

*“I-Smile coordinator”* means a designated dental hygienist who is employed by or under contract with a local public health agency to administer the I-Smile dental home program.

*“Local board of health”* means a county, city, or district board of health as defined in Iowa Code section 137.102.

*“Needs dental care”* means that tooth decay or a white spot lesion is suspected in one or more teeth or that gum infection is suspected.

*“Needs urgent dental care”* means that obvious tooth decay is present in one or more teeth, there is evidence of injury or severe infection, or the child is experiencing pain.

*“No obvious problems”* means a child’s hard and soft tissues appear to be visually healthy and there is no apparent reason for the child to be seen before the next routine dental checkup.

*“Nurse”* means a person licensed to practice as a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner.

*“Physician”* means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

*“Physician assistant”* means a person licensed to practice as a physician assistant.

*“Recorder”* means a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, or nurse who is authorized to record screening information and sign the Certificate of Dental Screening form.

*“Severe infection”* means excessive bleeding, swelling, or pus discharge; or an abscess.

*“Signature”* means an original signature, or authorized use of stamped signature, or electronic signature of a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, or nurse.

*“Tooth decay”* means a visible cavity or hole in a tooth with brown or black coloration, or a retained root.

*“White spot lesion”* means a demineralized area of a tooth, usually appearing as a chalky, white spot or white line near the gum line. A white spot lesion is considered an early indicator of tooth decay, especially in primary teeth.

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