

**641—51.2(82GA,ch146,SF2111) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

*“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 an Iowa elementary school or high school.

*“Dental hygienist”* means a person licensed to practice as a dental hygienist pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 153.

*“Dentist”* means a person licensed to practice as a dentist pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 153.

*“Department”* means the Iowa department of public health.

*“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, if provided, and grades one through six in an Iowa school district or accredited nonpublic school.

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

*“Infection or injury”* means soft tissue laceration, bleeding or swelling, 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 137.2.

*“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 nurse pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152.

*“Physician”* means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148, 150, or 150A.

*“Physician assistant”* means a person licensed to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148C.

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

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

*“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.

*“Transfer student”* means an applicant from an elementary school or a high school outside Iowa who is seeking enrollment in an elementary school or a high school located in Iowa.

*“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.