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Fact Sheet: North Dakota Schools Welcome School-Based Dental Sealant Programs: 2023-2024 School Year

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NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOLS WELCOME SCHOOL-BASED SEALANT PROGRAMS: 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services Oral Health Program (OHP) established a school-based dental sealant program (SEALIND) in 2012 which continues to provide dental sealants, fluoride varnish applications, oral health education, dental screenings, and referrals for students.

PROGRAM REACH DURING THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



70

schools participated



3,070

children screened



8,531

teeth protected with a dental sealant



5,006

applications of fluoride varnish



1,817

referrals made for follow-up dental care

NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

During the 2023-2024 school year, 35 schools that qualified for school-based sealant programming completed anonymous, electronic surveys, reporting their experience with SEALIND.

“This takes a little effort but is so worthwhile as our students need this service! We are happy to put in the little extra for our students. The staff that come to our school are so professional and independent we don’t even know they are here. They ask very little from us. Emails are answered promptly if I need to get hold of someone. Please continue this service as it is so badly needed in my school!” – Rural Public-School Administrator

PERCENT OF SCHOOLS WHO AGREED

Well informed about the program	100%
Had sufficient information to promote the program	100%
Understood our roles and responsibilities	100%
Enough information to coordinate the program	100%
Dental provider was knowledgeable	100%
Dental provider was considerate	100%
Easy to get in touch with dental provider	97%

Public School Administrators:

- “We are grateful for this program and look forward to participating in the program again in the future.”
- “It is appreciated and good for our students.”
- “She does an amazing job when she comes out. Our kids love her. [The OHP] does a great job of communicating and getting everything set up for us.”
- “We love this program!! We are pushing 60% poverty rate. Much needed!!”

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