

The South Carolina Department of Education's Oral Health Curriculum Guides

The Oral Health Supplemental Curriculum Resource Guides were developed and endorsed by South Carolina Healthy Schools in the Office of Adult and Community Education at The South Carolina Department of Education in 2002-2003. The lessons and activities for Kindergarten, 2nd and 7th grade students were designed to reinforce the health and safety learning standards at these grade levels. The Oral Health Supplemental Curriculum Resource Guides were funded through CDC DASH Cooperative Agreement U58/CCU417047-03-02 and South Carolina Healthy Schools at the State Department of Education.

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Oral Health Supplemental Resource Guides

Purpose:

These guides contain lessons that encourage students to take care of their teeth as well as teach them oral health concepts. Each of the student activities in the *Oral Health Supplemental Resource Guides* includes a list of needed materials, background information, step-by-step instructions and suggested extension and evaluation activities. These guides are primarily designed for classroom use.

Highlights:

Preschool Resource Guide

- 6 activities designed for children age 3-4
- parent tip sheets included with each activity

Kindergarten Resource Guide

- aligned with health and safety standards
- 8 hands-on activities
- additional ideas for the center-based classroom

2nd Grade Resource Guide

- introductory activities
- 12 standards-based lessons that actively engage students
- ideas for integrating oral health concepts in all subject areas
- resources for students and teachers

7th Grade Resource Guide

- 15 lessons aligned with health and safety standards
- age-appropriate lessons include preventing dental injuries, resisting tobacco use, determining healthy and unhealthy foods for teeth and bodies, and learning about orthodontics

The Oral Health Supplemental Curriculum Resource Guides are available on CD. For more information contact the Oral Health Division at 803-898-0194.