



Additional Dental Care Through The Verona Smiles Initiative

***Vision:** Every Verona student graduates with a healthy smile.*

The Verona Smiles initiative is a collaboration between the **Verona Area School District**, **Bridging Brighter Smiles**, and **Verona area dentists**. The goal of Verona Smiles is to assure that any student in the Verona Schools who needs dental care gets it.

The Verona schools have already committed to assuring the oral health of their students. School staff are always on the lookout for issues that keep a child from learning. A child with dental pain cannot learn, so school leaders strive to prevent problems and get children care when necessary.

The process is simple:

1. During school hours, a dentist will take x-rays once a year and do exams twice a year to see if a child has any cavities or problems that require a dentist's care. The results of the exams will be reported to parents in a *Smile Report* that details the child's needs.
2. Then, the student will be referred to a partnering dental office where they will receive the identified care.
3. Next, the parents or guardians are responsible for getting their child to the dental office. If the family needs assistance with transportation, the school nurse's office and Verona Smiles will help facilitate getting the student to the appointment.

Any child without a dentist and who is enrolled in the Bridging Brighter Smiles prevention program is eligible for this additional dental care. The care is covered under the BadgerCare Program and **there is no fee to participate**. Parents must provide their consent to participate and authorize Verona Smiles to bill the BadgerCare Program.

If you have any additional questions about the Verona Smiles initiative, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Novak at amy@veronasmiles.org.

Through the Verona Smiles initiative, the Verona Area Schools, Bridging Brighter Smiles, and local dentists are assuring that every student is ready to learn and graduates with a healthy smile.

