

## Standards:

Dental health is an important part of overall health and should be included in the curriculum offered to elementary school children. National Education Standards (Education World, 2014) have been developed to address oral health and include the following:

- NS.K-4.6 PERSONAL AND SOCIAL PERSPECTIVES
- NA-VA.K-4.1 UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING MEDIA, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCESSES
- NA-VA.K-4.2 USING KNOWLEDGE OF STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS
- NL-ENG.K-12.4 COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- NPH-H.K-4.3 REDUCING HEALTH RISKS
- NPH-H.K-4.6 SETTING GOALS FOR GOOD HEALTH

These educational standards provide a basis for the instructional content delivered in the lessons accessible in this course. Dental health is usually only addressed at one time in the curriculum and the students who are absent or require alternative instructional delivery can acquire the necessary knowledge and skills of proper oral hygiene techniques by taking this course online. Students currently attending home schools or those that participate in on-line educational programs may also enroll in this course in order to fulfill the national educational standards.