

## **Template of Steps to Present the Middle School to Dental School™ Mentoring Initiative Program**

By The Children's Oral Health Institute

1. Determine your budget based on the number of middle school students you will offer the program to determine following cost: a. white doctor coats, including printing of the logos; b. print material c. presentation day expenses. d. miscellaneous and other expenses.
2. Engage dental and health profession volunteers and solicit product and supply donations.
3. Identify the middle school(s) where you want to host and present the program.
4. Schedule a meeting with the principal and teachers for the middle school grades (6, 7 and 8). It is a good idea to tour the middle school well prior to the presentation date.
5. Obtain the permission memo from the middle school principal (See attached sample memo).
7. Learn the middle school requirements for the admission of volunteers to the school. Be sure to inform volunteers of these requirements.
6. Make a list of the number of middle school students you will be working with and obtain number and the doctor coat sizes. Orders the coats 6 to 8 months in advance.
7. Provide your exclusive logo that is to be printed on the white coats beneath, "I Can Become a Dentist©," or on the front of the doctor coat. The Children's Oral Health Institute is pleased to share this artwork file.
8. Select the dates the program will be presented at the middle school. Choosing a rain date is always a good idea.
9. During the presentation (i) any special guest will be introduced to kick off the program; (ii) volunteers will explain that the purpose of the program is to encourage middle school students to become interested in dentistry. They will share stories about how they selected a career in dental medicine, and about pioneers in the dental profession such as Dr. Robert T. Freeman, Dr. Lucy Hobbs, Dr. Ida Gray and G. V. Black many others. Some may choose to offer power point or video recorded interviews with dentists.
10. Next, middle school student will line up to receive their, "I can become a dentist" white *Middle School to Dental School* doctor coat. A volunteer will slip the coat on the middle school student and the floss dance comes next!
11. The middle school student will travel about the room directed by volunteer and visit a variety of tables to receive products provide by dental company sponsors, community dentists, and national and local dental organizations. They will be provide a stethoscope, surgical cap, gloves, a mask, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, writing pen, etc.
12. Finally, a group picture is highly recommended after they finish collecting the dental care treasures.
13. Following the presentation middles school and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics), Program leaders may want to collaborate with local dental schools to schedule field trips to visit and tour dental schools, dental laboratories, and local dental museums.

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