



Pit and Fissure Sealant Programs in Schools

WHEREAS, dental caries is a disease that affects the health of most young people in the U.s.;
WHEREAS, among youth, the chewing surfaces of the teeth are the most susceptible to decay
and the least benefited by fluorides;

WHEREAS, scientists have developed a safe and effective plastic material that may be applied to
the chewing surfaces of teeth to seal the pits and fissures; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of sealants in the prevention of tooth decay has been demonstrated
in a variety of research findings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the American School Health Association supports the use
of pit and fissure sealants for caries-susceptible school-age youth.

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