

Middle School to Dental School™ Mentoring Initiative Program Template

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1. Determine your budget based on the number of middle school students and the following expenses:
 - a. White coats, including printing, (cost ~\$10 to \$12)
 - b. print material
 - c. transportation to and from x ~4 trips
 - d. meals x ~2
 - e. miscellaneous other expenses
2. Solicit product and supply donations.
3. Identify the middle school(s) where you want the program presented.
4. Schedule a meeting with the principal and teachers for the middle school grades (6, 7 and 8).
5. Obtain the permission memo from the middle school principal and dental school Dean. See attached.
6. Make a list of the number of middle school students you will be working with and pencil their coat sizes in next to their names. Whether working directly with The Children's Oral Health Institute or independently executing the MSDS program, orders for the lab coats should be placed a minimum of 8 to 10 weeks in advance.
7. Provide your exclusive logo that is to be printed on the white coats beneath, "I Can Become a Dentist©." The Children's Oral Health Institute is pleased to provide you this artwork file.
8. Selected the dates the program will be executed.
 - a. dental students will visit the middle school to meet the students
 - share stories about how they selected a career in dental medicine
 - share the Dr. Robert T. Freeman, Dr. Lucy Hobbs and Dr. Ida Gray stories and many others
 - give a dental school, department of Health, memento - pencil, key chain, note pad, etc.
 - provide a snapshot of how the program will be executed when the visit dental schools
 - b. middle school students visit MMC SOD
 - tour the campus
 - learn how to take impressions and x-rays
 - see a display of surgical instruments

- have a dental examination by a student dentist
- enjoy lunch together -floss and brush together
- glove up and examine your own teeth

Finally, in a brief short ceremony, receive your "I can become a dentist" white coat! , hold out your arms, close your eyes, turn around three times while saying, "I can become a dentist." A student dentist will slip the coat on the middle school student. Now EVERYONE will do the dental floss dance!

9. Schedule a follow up reception either at the dental school, the middle school, a museum, etc., before the school year ends.