



# Northshore Christian Academy

## Early Learning Center

DCYF regulations for licensed childcare programs require that educators assist children with brushing their teeth once a day. (WAC 110-300-0180)

As Northshore Christian Academy's Early Learning Center is a licensed program, we must comply with this regulation. This brushing is not intended to replace home brushing in the morning, and evening. It is rather seen as extra practice for what should be done at home. Children will not be using toothpaste when they brush their teeth at NCA's Early Learning Center.

**If you do want your child to brush his or her teeth** while he/she is attending NCA's ELC, you are required to replace your child's toothbrush every three months, and each time your child is sick. Toothbrushes are expected on: September 6<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as every time your child returns from an illness. You will also need to bring a container to store your child's toothbrush in. Remember, this is not intended to replace tooth brushing that should happen at home. If you would like your child to brush their teeth, they will be given the opportunity after lunch.

**If you do not want your child to brush his or her teeth** while attending NCA's ELC, please fill out this form and return it with your paperwork.

A separate form must be filled out for each child. This form must be renewed annually and will be kept in your child's file. Should you change your mind and wish for your child to participate in toothbrushing, this form may be withdrawn at any time by requesting in writing that it be removed from your child's file.

I do not wish to have my child participate in tooth brushing while in care at Northshore Christian Academy's Early Learning Center.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

