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Miles for Smiles to Bring Dental Care to EBR Schools Students

BATON ROUGE, La. — The East Baton Rouge Parish School System is partnering with Miles for Smiles Mobile Dental Care to bring dental services directly to district elementary schools during the 2026-27 school year.

District and school leaders, elected officials, and Miles for Smiles representatives will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially launch the service at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Brownfields Elementary, 11615 Ellen Drive.

The Miles for Smiles mobile dental unit functions as a dental office on wheels, allowing students to receive comprehensive dental services at their school. Services may include cleanings, fillings, treatment for broken teeth and other routine dental care. Students requiring more complex surgical procedures will be referred to outside dental providers.

The service will accept insurance, including Medicaid and other eligible plans, and will also work to expand access for students who may not have dental coverage.

“Every child deserves access to quality dental care, regardless of the barriers their family may face. By bringing dental services directly to schools, we can make it easier for students to receive the care they need, stay healthy and remain focused on learning,” said Anneka Simms Alexander, executive director of Miles for Smiles. “Our goal is to remove barriers for families and help ensure that a lack of access to dental care does not prevent a child from being healthy and successful in school.”

The program will be coordinated through EBR Schools’ Department of Health Services, school nurses and a designated contact at each participating school.

Miles for Smiles plans to serve 20 elementary schools during Phase I of the 2026-27 school year, with plans to expand to all district elementary schools.



Phase I Schools

- Belfair Elementary
- Broadmoor Elementary
- Brownfields Elementary
- Capitol Elementary
- Claiborne Elementary
- Crestworth Elementary
- Forest Heights Elementary
- Glen Oaks Park Elementary
- Greenbrier Elementary
- LaBelle Aire Elementary
- Magnolia Woods Elementary
- McKinley Elementary
- Melrose Elementary
- Merrydale Elementary
- Park Forest Elementary
- Park Medical Academy
- Parkview Elementary
- Twin Oaks Elementary
- Villa del Rey Elementary
- Wildwood Elementary

Miles for Smiles has provided mobile dental services to students in Caddo Parish Public Schools in the Shreveport area for more than 10 years.

For more information about Miles for Smiles, visit [Miles for Smiles](#).

