

## **Careers: Dentist**

## Who are Dentists?

Dentists are doctors who care for your teeth, gums, and mouth—the beginning of your digestive system! Instead of going to medical school, they go to dental school. They find and treat problems like cavities, infections, and injuries. Dentists fix teeth using tools like drills, fillings, and crowns. They also remove teeth when needed and can straighten them with braces. Dentists make sure your mouth stays healthy, which helps your whole body stay healthy too.

## **Thinking about Careers**

If you were a dentist would you rather take care of the health of teeth with check ups and filling cavities, or straighten teeth with braces and other tools? Why?