



2021-2022 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians of Level 200 Dental Occupations Students:

During the first half of your child's school year we will be learning about Dental Radiology in preparation for the Dental Assisting National Board Radiation Health and Safety Exam (RHS). A passing score on DANB's RHS® exam is required in order to expose radiographs in the state of Pennsylvania. Passing the DANB board exam is how radiology licenses are granted in the state, most dentist will require this license to work in internship and employment positions.

Students will need to apply at the end of the second marking period and will take it during the third marking period. The application fee is \$275.00. I will be encouraging students to save up for the exam throughout the year as this is crucial to their success in the dental field. As well, students will need an official State ID or Driver's license, if your child needs a State ID be sure to have their Social Security Card available and schedule getting the ID from the DMV over the summer.

The textbook we will be working with is Dental Radiography Principles and Techniques 5<sup>th</sup> Edition by Joan M. Iannucci and Laura Jansen Howerton. Your student is welcome to borrow a school copy, but they will not be permitted to highlight or write in the book. If they would like to purchase their own copy it is available on Amazon.com for approximately \$60.00. If you choose to purchase the book it will be needed by the first day of school. We will also be using the companion workbook and laboratory manual which each student will purchase and own. The workbook fee is included in the invoice in this packet, and I will order them for each student.

I will be sending home further information regarding the testing registration process, time and location. You may also find further information about the exam online at [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org).

If you have any questions, please contact me at [cheil@mbit.org](mailto:cheil@mbit.org) or 251-343-2840 ext. 213

Thank you,  
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