

HEAD START HEALTH REQUIREMENTS 2026-2027

Items	Time Frame	Provider
Hearing screening	within 45 days of entry	Staff
Vision screening	within 45 days of entry	Staff
Developmental screening	within 45 days of entry	Staff
Physical	within 90 days of entry	Medical / HD
Hemoglobin/Hematocrit	within 90 days of entry	Medical / WIC
Blood lead screening	within 90 days of entry	Medical/ HD
Blood Pressure	within 90 days of entry	Medical/ HD
Vision exam	within 90 days of entry	Eye Doctor only
Dental exam	within 90 days of entry	Licensed Dentist only
Dental treatment	on-going	Dentist

The physical and dental exam must be updated as soon as possible after yearly date has expired. For example: if child has a physical done on January 2, 2026, it is good until January 2, 2027. After 1/2/2027, the child must have another physical to remain up to date.

Dental and Vision exams can be updated sooner if recommended by the Healthcare Professional.

Immunization needs to be up to date and obtained as needed or have a Medical/Religious Exemption certificate on file.