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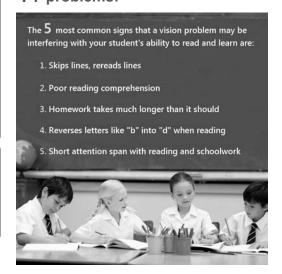
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Signs & Symptoms of Learning-Related Vision Problems

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"It may be common sense that poor vision interferes with a child's ability to learn. But what is lesser known is that vision problems are the fourth most prevalent class of disability in the United States and one of the most prevalent conditions in childhood. This is an extremely important statistic considering that 80 percent of what children learn comes through their visual processing of information and that many children - nearly two in three according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - enter school without ever having had a vision screening.

When Is a Learning Difficulty Due to a Vision Problem?

While learning occurs through a number of complex and interrelated processes, vision plays a key role. Many signs, symptoms, and behaviors associated with learning disabilities are similar to those caused by vision problems. This is why it is so important that a comprehensive vision examination be part of the interdisciplinary evaluation of all children who are failing to succeed in school.



Locate a Doctor near you who can provide a comprehensive vision exam for your child to check for vision problems that may be affecting their learning in school

How to Identify a Vision Problem

Children should be referred for a comprehensive eye exam whenever visual symptoms are noticed or if they are not achieving their potential. Many of these vision problems will not be detected during a school vision screening or limited vision assessment as part of a school physical or routine pediatric health evaluation

It is also helpful for you and your child's teacher(s) to review the following list of symptoms to gain a full understanding of possible conditions your child may be experiencing

Symptoms

- Complains of blurred vision
- Rubs eyes frequently
- Squints

- Occasionally sees double
 Rubs eyes frequently
 Able to read for only a short time
 Poor reading comprehension
- Closes or covers one eye

Possible Vision Problems

Nearsightedness

Farsightedness

Astigmatism (inability to see clearly in the distance

Eye coordination problems (inability to coordinate the eyes together effectively)

- Holds things very close
 Complains of blurred vision
 Poor reading comprehension
 Says eyes are tired
 Able to read for only a short time
 Has headaches when reading

- Moves head excessively when reading
 Frequently loses place, skips lines when reading
 Uses finger to keep place
- Poor reading comprehension Short attention span
- Mistakes words with similar beginnings
 Difficulty recognizing letters, words, or simple shapes and forms
 Can't distinguish the main idea from insignificant details
- Trouble learning basic math concepts of size, magnitude, and position
- Trouble visualizing what is read- Poor reading comprehension

- Poor speller
 Trouble with mathematical concepts
 Poor recall of visually presented material
- Sloppy handwriting and drawing
 Can't stay on lines
 Poor copying skills
- · Can respond orally but not in writing

- Trouble learning right and left
 Reverses letters and words
 Trouble writing and remembering letters and numbers

Eye focusing problems (inability to easily refocus eyes or maintain clear focus)

Eye tracking problems (inadequate ability to smoothly and accurately move the eyes from one point to another)

Faulty visual form perception (inability to discriminate differences in size, shape, or form)

Faulty visual memory (inability to remember and understand what is seen)

Faulty visual motor integration (inability to process and reproduce visual mages by writing or drawing)

Difficulty with laterality and directionality (poor development of left/right awareness)

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