

Learning Related Vision Disorders Symptom Checklist

Symptoms of vision disorders in children can be mistaken for behavioral and learning disorders. The key factor is that they are only present when the child is faced with a visual task. When the problems have been long-standing, a child may avoid visual tasks exacerbating the appearance of a behavioral disorder. Since 90% of a child's school performance is visually based, vision problems can have a significant impact on learning, performance, and self-esteem. Any child with multiple symptoms or obvious vision symptoms should be suspect for a vision problem requiring more than an eye health and 20/20 evaluation.

- Homework takes longer than it should.
- Frequently loses place.
- Omits, inserts, or rereads letters/words.
- Confuses similar words.
- Poor reading comprehension.
- Letter/word reversals after first grade.
- Difficulty copying from the board.
- Poor handwriting, misaligns numbers.
- Books held close to eyes.
- Face too close to desk work.
- Tips head to see with one eye.
- Squints or closes one eye to look at things.
- Avoids reading/prefers to be read to.
- Visual perceptual problems – confuses similar
- Blurred or double vision.
- Headaches, dizziness or nausea with reading.
- Smart in everything but school.
- Likes sports but cannot throw or catch a ball.
- Physically fit with poor balance and coordination.
- Low self esteem, poor self image.
- Frustrated with school work.
- Frequent crying with desk work.
- Short attention span for paper work.
- Fatigue, irritability, stressed.
- Labeled lazy, ADD, dyslexic but works well orally.
- Slow learner, works below potential.

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