



Signs and Symptoms

Approximately 90% of children who experience learning difficulties suffer from one or more problems with their eyesight. Unlike other many other kinds of ailments, children will rarely complain of vision problems. A child suffering from visual impairments may never know that their perception differs from those around them. This makes it particularly important to increase the awareness of developmental vision problems, and help parents to understand what to look for if they suspect their child may have problems with his or her vision.

The following checklist is a good start in determining whether your child may have problems with their eyesight.

Signs that may indicate a vision problem:

- Headaches with near work
- Difficulty copying from the board
- Skips or repeats lines while reading
- Reverses letters or words
- Double vision, or "the words run together"
- Below grade level in reading
- Slow/difficult time reading
- Covers one eye when doing close work
- Complains that words move around on the page.
- Uses finger as a place-marker when reading
- Squinting one or both eyes
- Fatigue, frustration, stress associated with schoolwork/homework
- Short attention span or daydreaming
- Smart in everything but school
- Frequent rubbing or blinking of the eyes
- Avoids close work
- Vision is worse at the end of the day
- Labeled ADHD, LD or dyslexic

If you checked off one or more of the above symptoms, it is possible your child is struggling with a vision-based learning problem that could be corrected. To eliminate doubt, call us to schedule a developmental vision examination at 208-882-2020.