

Checklist of Observable Signs, Symptoms & Clues to Children’s Vision Acquisition & Visual Perceptual Problems in the Classroom

Child’s Name: _____ D.O.B. _____ Date: _____

EYE MOVEMENT, EYE FOCUSING & EYE AIMING

ABILITIES

- Homework is difficult
- Homework takes longer than it should
- Print blurs after reading a short time
- Complains of seeing double (diplopia)
- Words move or “swim” on the page
- Gets sleepy after reading or copying for a short time
- Head turns as reads across page
- Loses place frequently during reading
- Needs finger or marker to keep place
- Short attention span in reading or copying
- Frequently omits words
- Quickly loses interest in reading
- Rereads or skips lines unknowingly
- Makes errors in copying from board to paper
- Makes errors in copying from page to page
- Squints to see chalkboard, or requests to move nearer
- Repeats letters within words
- Avoids reading
- Omits letters, numbers or phrases

EYE-HAND COORDINATION ABILITIES

- Writes crookedly, poorly spaced; cannot stay on lines
- Must feel things “to get the idea”
- Writes up or downhill on paper
- Orients drawings poorly on page
- Eyes not used to “steer” hand movements (extreme lack of orientation, placement of words or drawings on page)
- Misaligns horizontal & vertical series of numbers
- Repeatedly confuses left-right directions

VISUAL PERCEPTION (Visual Imagery, Visualization)

- Fails to follow directions
- Fails to picture what is read silently or aloud
- Directions need to be repeated many times
- Math concepts difficult
- Math word problems difficult
- Spelling is difficult
- Spells well then cannot recall words during tests
- Fails to recognize same word in next sentence
- Reverse letters and/or words in writing and copying
- Difficulty recognizing minor differences
- Repeatedly confuses words with similar beginnings and endings
- Whispers to self for reinforcement while reading silently
- Uses “drawing with fingers” to discriminate similarities and differences

APPEARANCE OF EYES

- One eye turns in or out at any time
- Reddened eyes or lids
- Squints, closes or covers one eye
- Eyes tear excessively
- Encrusted eyelids
- Frequent styes on lids

COMPLAINTS WHEN USING EYES AT DESK

- Blinks excessively at desk tasks or reading
- Headaches in forehead or temples
- Burning or itchy eyes after reading or homework
- Tilts head extremely while working at desk
- Odd working posture at desk activities
- Holds book too closely; face too close to desk
- Rubs eyes during/after short periods of visual activity
- Blinks to clear focus after reading or writing

Professional Use by OT PT SP Psych/Counselor
Teacher Tutor MD Audiologist OD
 Tracking Problems Tested/Detected: Yes No
 NPC test performed/Problem Detected: Yes No

Additional Observations and Comments:

Your Name: _____
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