Signs of Possible Vision Problems in Children



If your child shows one or more of these signs, have your child seen by an eye doctor without delay.

Appearance	Behavior	Complaints
 □ Eyes do not line up or look straight ahead one appears to look inward toward nose, outward toward ear, upward toward forehead, or downward toward cheek □ Eyelids are red-rimmed, crusted, or swollen □ Eyes are watery or red (inflamed) □ Eyelid does not fully open (droopy) □ Recurring stye or bump (infection) on eyelid □ Color photos of child's eyes show a white reflection in the pupil (middle of the eye) □ The pupil (the black circle in the colored part of the eye) in one eye is larger than the pupil in the other eye. □ The iris (colored part of the eye) in one eye is not the same round shape and size as the iris in the other eye 	 □ Rubs eyes often □ Closes or covers one eye when reading or looking at a close object □ Squints eyes when trying to see things near or far away □ Tilts head or turns face when playing with a toy, trying to read, or trying to see something near or far away □ Has difficulty concentrating when reading, doing schoolwork, or doing other close-up work □ Brings toys or books close to his or her face □ Blinks eyes more than usual or is cranky when doing close-up work □ Seems unusually clumsy - Bumps into 	 □ Eyes itch, burn, or feel scratchy □ Blurred vision when looking at near objects, such as toys or books □ Dizziness, headaches, or nausea when doing near work □ Light is too bright □ Unable to see something other people can see □ Sees worse at the end of the day □ Difficulty copying material from a whiteboard in the classroom
☐ Both eyes jerk back and forth quickly from side to side	things often or knocks things over Avoids doing near work or reading	

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