

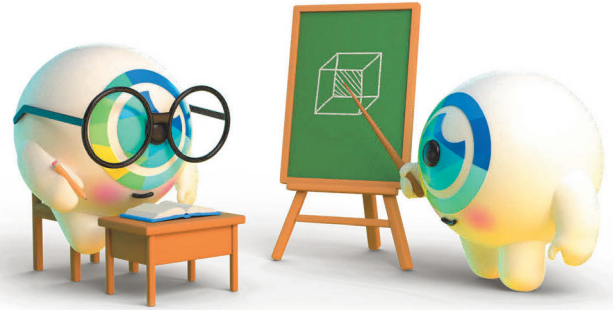
Signs of Possible Vision Problems in Children



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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 ☐ Both eyes jerk back and forth quickly from side to side	☐ 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 things often or knocks things over ☐ Avoids doing near work or reading	☐ 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 

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