Vision Problems in Children:
Signs and Symptoms of Child Vision Problems

This checklist highlights three areas of concern in detecting symptoms of learning-related vision problems

1. Appearance of the Eyes
   - Crossed, turning in, out or moving independently of each other
   - Reddened, watering eyes, encrusted eyelids

2. Behavioral Indications of Possible Vision Difficulty
   - Dislike or avoidance of close work
   - Short attention span for the child's age or frequent daydreaming
   - Turns or tilts head to use one eye or closing one eye
   - Placing head close to book or desk when reading or writing
   - Excessive blinking or rubbing of eyes
   - Losing place while reading or writing
   - Using finger or marker to guide eyes
   - Difficulty remembering what is read
   - Persistent reversals after second grade
   - Difficulty remembering, identifying and reproducing basic geometric forms
   - Difficulty with sequential concepts
   - Poor eye-hand coordination when copying from chalkboard, throwing or catching a ball, buttoning clothing or tying their shoes

3. Complaints Associated With Using the Eyes
   - Headaches, nausea, and dizziness
   - Burning or itching eyes
   - Blurring of vision at any time
   - Double vision