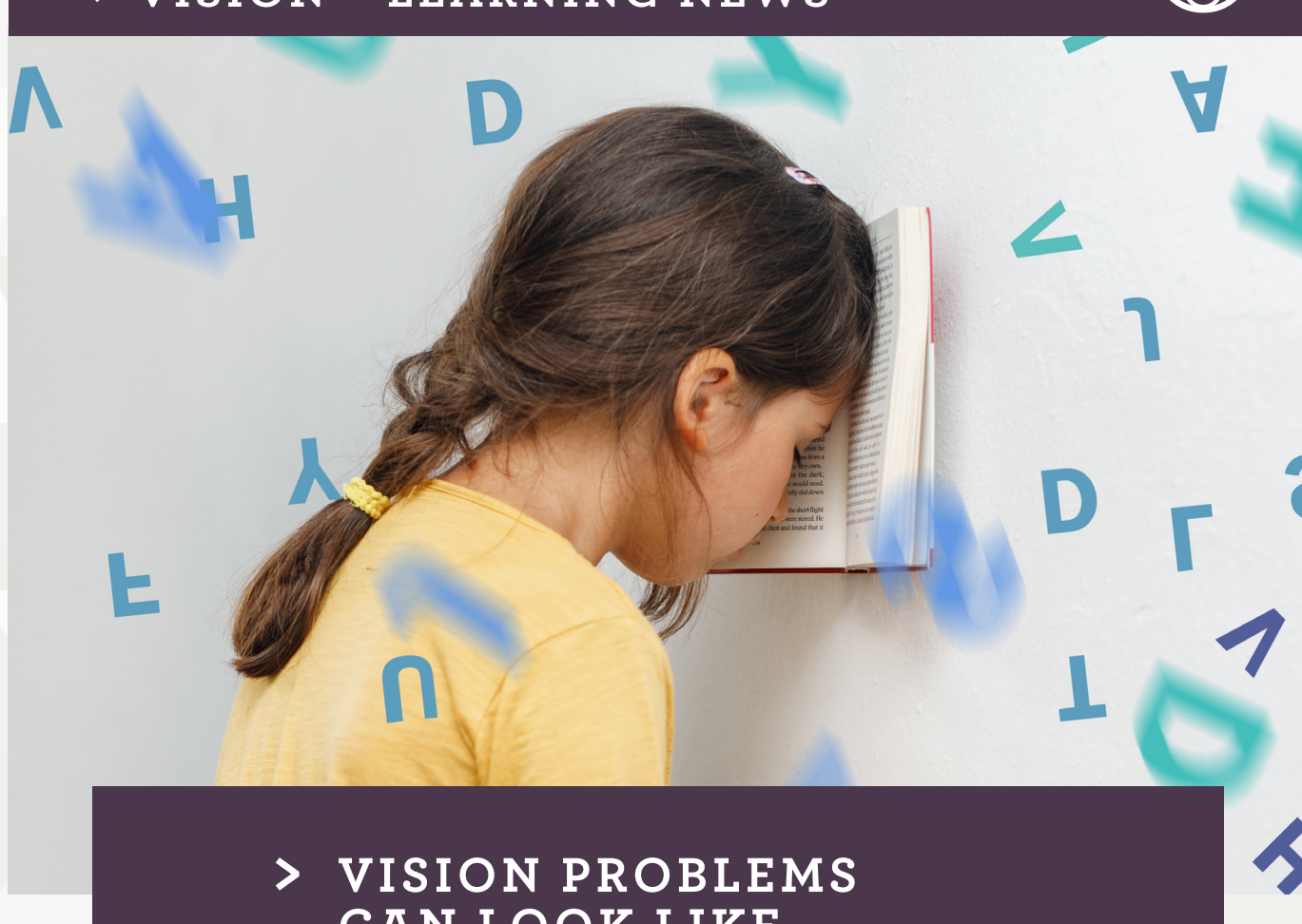
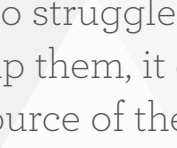


> VISION + LEARNING NEWS



> VISION PROBLEMS CAN LOOK LIKE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

how to determine an underlying disorder

When children continue to struggle with reading and learning despite all best efforts to help them, it can be very difficult to figure out the source of the problem.

Research from Harvard Medical School actually found that approximately 80% of children who have Dyslexia, often have eye coordination and eye movement disorders contributing to their challenges.

And 30% of kids (without Dyslexia) who struggle with reading also have these visual disorders.

Most children have no idea how they are supposed to see. So when words look like this, they assume everyone sees the same way they do. Imagine how frustrating that would be.

A study performed and published by the Optometry school in Waterloo, Ontario looked at 121 elementary school students who were identified with reading problems. 35% of the children had signs of poor eye coordination, eye movement, and eye focusing skills. The majority of these children were able to pass prior vision screenings.

When a vision disorder is at the root of a child's struggles with learning, it is often very hidden. The types of vision disorders which interfere with reading and learning impact how the eyes move and how they work together, so a child can pass a vision screening that tests for distance vision very easily because they can see the letters on the eye chart. As a result, vision can often be incorrectly ruled out even though eye movement and eye coordination disorders could be interfering with reading and copying skills.

Children don't know how they are supposed to see, so the only way they can tell you they have a vision problem is with their behavior. One of the signs that a vision problem may be contributing to one's learning challenges is a short attention span when it comes to reading and near work. This behavior could easily be mistaken for ADHD.

Therefore, you need to know the various signs; for example, does your child:

avoid reading?

prefer to be read to?

turn his or her head at an angle when reading?

have more trouble comprehending what is read the longer he or she reads?

read out loud but not remember what was read?

If your child continues to struggle with reading, it's time for a Developmental Vision Evaluation to determine if an underlying eye coordination or eye tracking disorder is the cause.

Please call our office to schedule an appointment.

[CLICK HERE FOR A CHECKLIST OF MOST COMMON SIGNS >](#)

SMART IN EVERYTHING BUT READING

When you have a bright child who doesn't achieve to his or her potential, we often affectionately call them underachievers, because we know they are capable of achieving so much more.

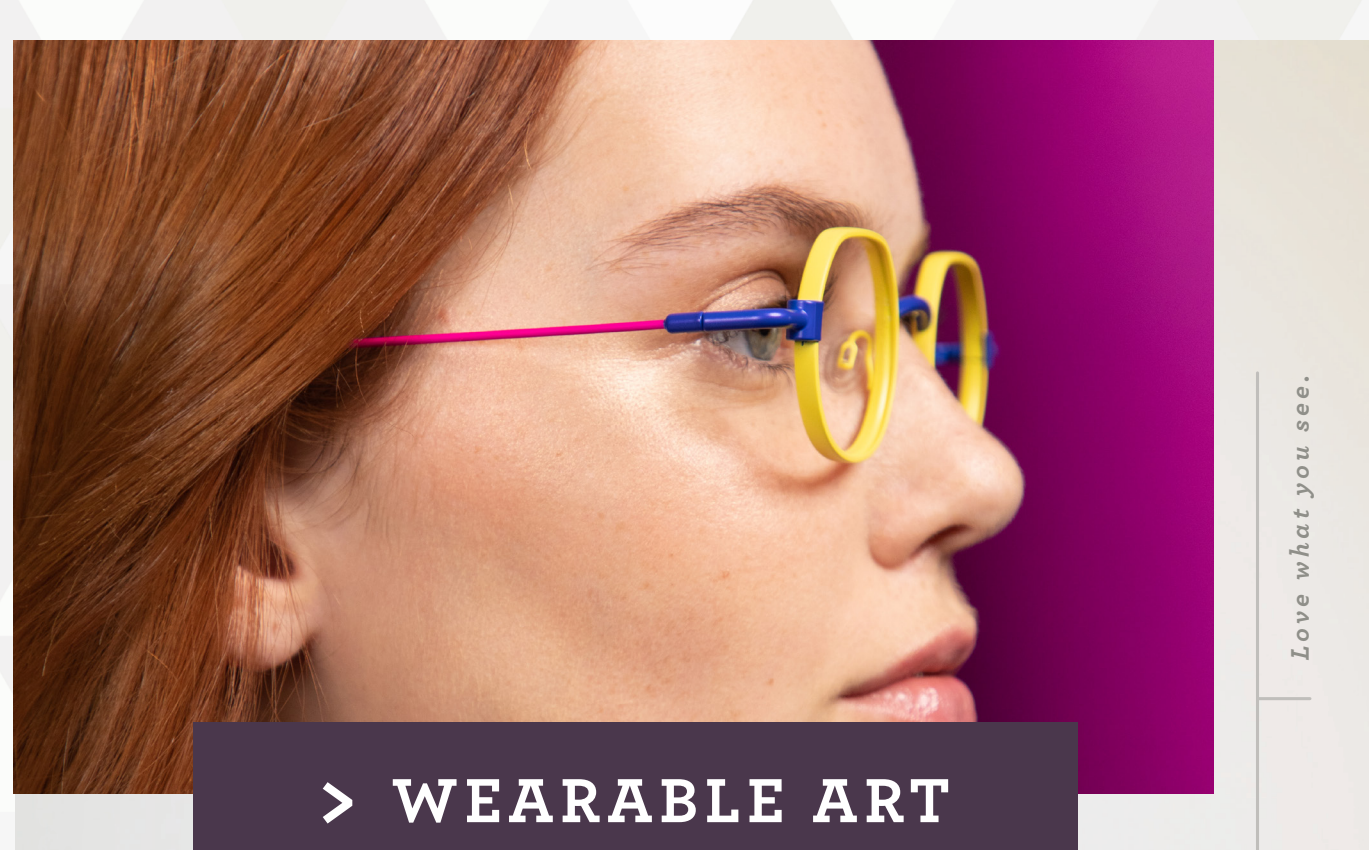
Over the years, we have found that bright underachievers often have vision problems which make reading difficult. It may surprise you to learn that many of the children who have vision problems interfering with learning actually have 20/20 eyesight (with or without glasses).

A Developmental Vision Evaluation is needed to determine if a vision problem is interfering with reading. For more information please give our office a call.

DRY, RED, IRRITATED EYES CAN CAUSE HEADACHES

Researchers found that when dry eye was treated in more than 200 patients who also complained of headaches, not only did the dry eye symptoms get better, but the majority of the headaches disappeared. If you are suffering from headaches or dry eye symptoms, contact our office to schedule your dry eye evaluation today!

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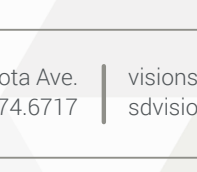
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