

> VISION + LEARNING NEWS



CONCERNED ABOUT THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

for your child?

There are definite signs parents need to watch for that are early indicators that a vision problem may be at the root of your child's struggles.

The signs and symptoms that a vision problem is blocking learning are easy to see, when you know what to look for. Unfortunately, parents and educators assume that a child can see up close because the child can obviously see things in the distance - like the board in the classroom, the TV, etc. They also assume everything is fine visually because the child hasn't complained about a vision problem.

Observing your child when

studying may provide some very helpful clues. Here are some of the things to watch for:

- *Does your child avoid reading or homework?*
- *Does your child choose books which are below grade level? Or choose picture books over chapter books?*
- *Does your child understand the book when you read to him but not understand when he reads it?*
- *Does your child turn their head at an angle when reading?*
- *Does comprehension get worse the longer he or she reads?*

There are 17 visual skills that are required for reading and

academic success and being able to see the letters on the eye chart (20/20) is just one of those visual skills. When a child is missing one or more of these visual skills academic performance can suffer.

The good news is that if your child is missing any of these visual skills, they can be corrected. Be sure to schedule an evaluation with one of our doctors today.

To find out more about the critical link between vision and learning, please visit our website or give us a call.

Please find our symptom checklist at www.sdvisionstherapy.com/symptom-checklist.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

CONCUSSIONS & OTHER MILD HEAD INJURIES CAN CAUSE VISION PROBLEMS

If you or a loved one has experienced a head injury and you have difficulty with reading, balance and/or movement after an accident, schedule an appointment today!



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A NON-SURGICAL SOLUTION TO EYE TURNS

Eye turns (a condition called Strabismus), have to do with an inability to point both eyes in the same direction at the same time. One eye—or both, as in crossed eyes—may appear to turn in, or one eye may turn out, up or down.

Eye turns can change from one eye to the other, and may only appear after a person becomes tired or injured. It is not always noticeable, except through symptoms of difficulty with doing certain daily activities.

An eye turn may cause double vision. To avoid seeing double, the person may tend to ignore the visual images from one eye by turning his or her head while reading.

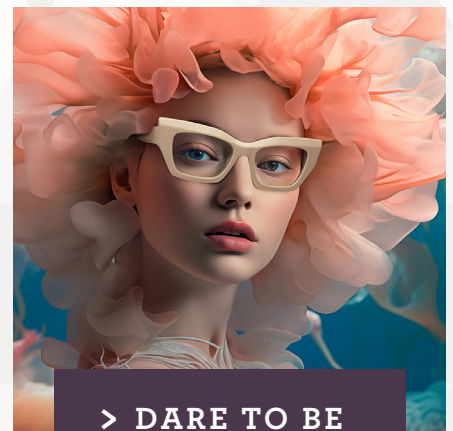
Eye turns can be treated with Vision Therapy!

While surgery can straighten the eyes, one eye may still tend to continue “seeing” as though it were still crossed. Actually, eye turns do not usually involve faulty or damaged eye muscles. Eye turns can often be treated non-surgically with a program of Vision Therapy. And, the good news, there is no age limit! We have helped many adults eliminate their lifelong eye turns without surgery.

Eyes that wander cause more than just an appearance problem. Non-optimum binocular vision can cause trouble with:

- *Riding a bicycle or driving*
- *Measuring objects in relation to oneself*
- *Doing close-up work*
- *Playing ball sports*
- *Depth perception; inability to see in 3D*

If you or a loved one has an eye turn, be sure to schedule an appointment.



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