ABC's of Vision Problems

APPEARANCE

- Eyes cross, turn in or out
- Eyes "wander" all of the time, part of the time, or when the child is tired
- Red, watery or encrusted eyes
- Drooping eyelid(s)
- Frequent stys
- Presence of a white pupil as the screener observes it or it appears in a photograph
- Eye injuries resulting in bruising, swelling or bloodshot eyes

BEHAVIOR

- Squinting, frowning, blinking or squeezing the eyes
- Thrusting head forward, or backward while looking at distant objects
- Rubbing the eyes
- Turning the head to use only one eye
- Tilting the head to one side
- Placing the head close to a book or a desk when reading or writing
- Closing or covering one eye, especially in sunlight
- Tripping, stumbling or daydreaming excessively

COMPLAINTS

- Headaches
- Eye pain
- Nausea or dizziness
- Burning, scratchy or itching eyes
- Blurred or double vision
- Words that "move" or "jump" when reading
- Sees blur when looking up after close work
- Unusual sensitivity to light

