

Vision and hearing screening for school-age children

Key words: Vision and eye health in children

Term	Definition	Image
Astigmatism	People with astigmatism have difficulty seeing clearly in the distance and close up.	
Diabetes	A disease where sugar is high in blood. This can result in many health problems including difficulty in feeling parts of the body (especially feet) and consequent foot wounds, gradual loss of vision, kidney damage, urinary incontinence and difficulty remembering things.	
Hyperopia	People with hyperopia are 'long-sighted'. They can see objects in the distance clearly, however, they find it hard to focus on close objects.	
Learning disability	A person with a learning disability may have some limitations in learning new skills, including communication and self care.	
Myopia	People with myopia are 'short-sighted'. They can see close objects clearly, however, more distant objects are blurry.	
Occluder	An object that completely covers the eye.	
Personnel	People who work in a service or organization. Includes people who have had training in a specific health related field who may not have a professional qualification.	
Refractive error	A common reason for vision problems, which is usually correctable with the right spectacles or contact lenses. There are different types of refractive error leading to different vision problems. Some examples include astigmatism, hyperopia and myopia.	