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# **Teacher Questionnaire**

To the teacher of

Grade School

The child named above is receiving vision care at our clinic. In order to address the impact of vision problems on classroom performance, we would like your observations of this child's behavior in school.

It has been shown that the teacher is frequently the best observer for identifying vision problems that tend to interfere with school work. The following checklist identifies many of the observable clues and symptoms that are often observed in a child with a vision problem. Please read through this list and check items that you have noted to occur <u>frequently</u> in this child's case.

# **Appearance of Eyes**

- **D** Reddened eyes or lids
- □ Excessive tearing of eyes, or rubs eyes
- □ Blinks excessively

### **<u>Refractive Error or Eye Focusing</u>** (Accommodation) Problem

- □ Blinks eyes excessively during near tasks
- □ Frowns, scowls, or squints to see blackboard
- $\Box$  Avoids close work
- □ Fatigues easily during visual tasks
- Rubs eyes during or after visual activity
- **D** Complains of blur while reading or writing
- Comprehension is poor when reading or performing near tasks

## Eye Tracking (Ocular Motility) Problem

- □ Skips or rereads words or letters
- □ Rereads lines or phrases
- Mistakes words with similar beginnings or endings
- □ Uses finger or marker when reading
- □ Loses place often when reading
- □ Repeatedly omits "small" words
- □ Moves head excessively as reads across page

#### Eye Teaming (Binocularity) Problem

- □ Complains of seeing double
- □ Covers or closes one eye
- □ One eye turns (in, out, up, or down) at any time
- □ Tilts or turns head to one side
- □ Squints, closes, or covers one eye
- □ Complains of letters or lines "floating," "running together," or "jumping around"
- Reports confusion of what is seen

#### Visual Information-Processing Problem

- Confuses similar words
- □ Fails to recognize same word in next sentence or page
- Confuses minor likenesses and differences
- Makes errors in copying from chalkboard or reference book
- □ Difficulty following verbal instructions
- Difficulty completing assignments in time allotted
- **D** Poor printing or handwriting
- □ Short attention span, distractible
- □ Says words aloud or moves lips as reads
- □ Reverses letters, numbers, or words
- □ Poor ability to remember what is read
- □ Poor eye-hand coordination
- □ Repeatedly confuses right-left directions
- □ Poor recall of visually-presented tasks
- □ School performance not up to potential

Please comment on the following:

Is (s)he in the top third, middle	third, or lower third of his/her c	lass?
How does academic achieveme	ent compare with potential?	
At what grade level does this cl	hild read?	
Please check any areas of diffic		
<ul> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Reading Rate</li> <li>Attention</li> <li>Math Skills</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Word Recognition</li> <li>Interpretation</li> <li>Comprehension</li> <li>Spelling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Oral Reading</li> <li>Silent Reading</li> <li>Memory</li> <li>Written Work</li> </ul>
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Parent or Guardian Signature