

Preschool Vision Development Checklist

	Yes	No
1. Appearance of Eyes		
Unusual redness of eyes	_____	_____
Unusual redness of lids	_____	_____
Crusted eyelids	_____	_____
Styes, or sores, on lids	_____	_____
Excessive tearing	_____	_____
Unusual lid droopiness	_____	_____
One eye turns in or out with fatigue	_____	_____
2. Evidence of Discomfort		
Excessive rubbing of eyes	_____	_____
Avoids bright light	_____	_____
Keeps eyes closed too much of the time	_____	_____
3. Expected Visual Performances		
Birth to 6 Weeks of Age:		
Stares at surroundings when awake	_____	_____
Momentarily holds gaze on bright light or bright object	_____	_____
Blinks at camera flash	_____	_____
Eyes and head move together	_____	_____
One eye may seem turned in at times	_____	_____
8 Weeks to 24 Weeks:		
Eyes begin to move more widely with less head movement	_____	_____
Eyes begin to follow moving objects or people (8 – 12 weeks)	_____	_____
Watches parent’s face when being talked to (10 – 12 weeks)	_____	_____
Begins to watch own hands (12 -16 weeks)	_____	_____
Eyes move in active inspection of surroundings (18 – 20 weeks)	_____	_____
While sitting, looks at hands, food, bottle (18 – 24 weeks)	_____	_____
Now looking for, and watching more distant objects (20 – 28 weeks)	_____	_____
30 Weeks to 48 Weeks		
May turn eyes inward while inspecting hands or toy (28 – 32 weeks)	_____	_____
Eyes more mobile and move with little head movement (30 – 36 weeks)	_____	_____
Looks for toy he drops (32 – 38 weeks)	_____	_____
Visually inspects toys he can hold (38 – 40 weeks)	_____	_____
Creeps after favorite toy when seen (40 – 44 weeks)	_____	_____
Sweeps eyes around room to see what is happening (44 – 48 weeks)	_____	_____
Visually responds to smiles and voices of others (40 – 48 weeks)	_____	_____
More and more visual inspection of objects and persons (46 – 52 weeks)	_____	_____
12 Months to 18 Months		
Using both hands and visually steering hand activity (12 - 14 months)	_____	_____
Visually interested in simple pictures (14 – 16 months)	_____	_____
Often holds objects very close to eyes to inspect (14 – 18 months)	_____	_____
Points to objects or people using words “look” or “see” (14 – 18 months)	_____	_____
Looks for and identifies pictures in books (16 – 18 months)	_____	_____
24 Months to 36 Months		
Occasionally visually inspects without needing to touch (20 – 24 months)	_____	_____
Smiles, facial brightening when views favorite objects and people (20 – 24 months)	_____	_____
Likes to watch movement of wheels, egg beater, etc. (24 - 28 months)	_____	_____
Watches own hand while scribbling (26 – 30 months)	_____	_____
Visually explores and steers own walking and climbing (30 – 36 months)	_____	_____
Watches and imitates other children (30 – 36 months)	_____	_____
Can now begin to keep coloring on the paper (34 – 38 months)	_____	_____
“Reads” pictures in books (34 – 38 months)	_____	_____
40 Months to 48 Months		
Brings head and eyes close to page of book while inspecting (40 – 44 months)	_____	_____
Draws and names circle and cross on paper (40 – 44 months)	_____	_____
Can close eyes on request and may be able to wink one eye (46 – 50 months)	_____	_____

4 Years to 5 Years

- Uses eyes and hands together well and with increasing skill
- Moves and rolls eyes in an expressive way
- Draws and names pictures
- Colors within lines
- Cuts and pastes quite well on simple pictures
- Copies simple forms and some letters
- Can place small objects in small openings
- Visually alert and observant of surroundings
- Tells about places, objects, or people seen elsewhere
- Shows increasing visual interest in new objects and place

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