

Identifying Children With Vision and Hearing Difficulties

The State of Texas mandates the screening of children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first, third, fifth, and seventh grades for vision and hearing difficulties.

5 Most Important Observations to Identify Possible Vision Difficulties:

- ❖ Child turns head so as to use one eye only
- ❖ Child place head close to book or desk when reading or writing
- ❖ Child squints
- ❖ Child tends to rub eyes excessively
- ❖ Child closes or covers one eye when reading

5 Most Important Observations to Identify Possible Hearing Difficulties:

- ❖ Child frequently asks to have things repeated
- ❖ Child is inattentive in classroom discussions
- ❖ Child makes unusual spelling errors or frequent mistakes in following directions
- ❖ Child tends to isolate self or may be a discipline problem
- ❖ Child has a speech problem

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services – <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vhs/default.shtm>