

**LEARNING RELATED VISION PROBLEMS
EDUCATION AND EVALUATION**

A resolution
adopted by the National PTA
June 1999

- Whereas, It is estimated that more than 10 million children (ages 0 to 10) suffer from vision problems; and
- Whereas, Many visual skills are necessary for successful learning in the modern classroom; and skill deficiencies may contribute to poor academic performance; and
- Whereas, Typical “vision” evaluations/screenings only test for a few of the necessary learning related visual skills (distance acuity, i.e., 20/20 eyesight, stereo vision, and muscle balance), leaving most visual skill deficiencies undiagnosed; and
- Whereas, Learning related vision problems, when accurately diagnosed, can be treated successfully and permanently; and
- Whereas, Knowledge regarding the relationship between poorly developed visual skills and poor academic performance is not widely held among students, parents, teachers, administrators and public health officials; now therefore be it
- Resolved, That National PTA, through its constituent organizations, provide information to educate members, educators, administrators, public health officials and the public at large about learning related visual problems and the need for more comprehensive visual skills tests in school vision screening programs performed by qualified and trained personnel; and be it further
- Resolved, That National PTA, through its constituent organizations, urge schools to include in their vision screening programs tests for learning related visual skills necessary for success in the classroom.