

# OPINIONS

## READER VIEWS

### What if Arizona students' eyes are holding them back?

Are the Arizona high school graduates included in Mr. Duval's glorious assessment of how sound Arizona universities are today actual Arizona attendants, since we are ranked among the worst elementary and high school educations in America?

We are tied up in bureaucracy. Are our Arizona elementary school and high school students fundamentally ocularly plus visually ready to read, write and do math?

There are seven basic fundamentals of being ocularly efficient, so youngsters are visually ready to succeed: eye tracking, eye teaming or binocularity, spacially perceptive to know where you are in space, peripheral awareness to speed read, visual memory or visual imagery, eyesight, and efficient near-far focusing efficiency (easy and quick ocular focusing from the blackboard to a book or computer at their desk).

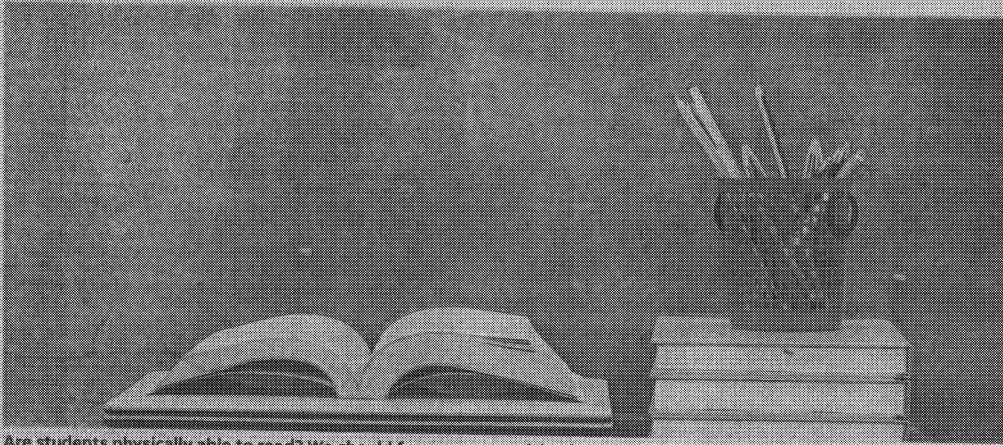
I have been frustrated for years that more and more elementary students are being mislabeled as ADD, ADHD, dyslexic or learning disabled and prescribed amphetamines to correct brain disabilities without addressing these seven fundamentals to visual skills efficiency.

Did you know there is a country that does eye skill drills, starting in their elementary schools, so their children learn

efficiently? China, for more than 50 years, after saluting their flag, does 20 minutes of vision skills drills starting in first grade. How are their children performing in schools, colleges (theirs and ours) and getting high-tech jobs (like at Intel or Microsoft)?

How many more years must we throw more money at overmedicating children with amphetamine stimulants and not addressing efficient eye skill drills holistically? When you are at the bottom, changing to an approach that many baby boomers like me may have experienced as youngsters can't hurt.

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