Alignment of the

# **Experience Early** Learning Skills

with

**Early Childhood Indicators of Child Progress:** 

Minnesota's Early Learning Standards (Ages 0-5)









#### The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills

The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills is a research-based continuum of 35 skills that indicate child development and learning. Each skill has up to three measurable learning goals. For each goal, the continuum outlines benchmark levels for children from birth to age eight.

The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills is a sequenced progression. Children progress at varying rates based on individual development and needs. The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills serves as the basis for the development of these curricular systems:

- Experience Baby
- Experience Toddler
- Experience Preschool

The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills is included in the appendix.

Visit https://www.experiencecurriculum.com/skillsresearch/ to learn how each Experience Early Learning tool supports developmentally appropriate practice and child skill development.

#### Alignment

This document details the alignment of the Early Childhood Indicators of Child Progress: Minnesota's Early Learning Standards (Ages 0-5) with the Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills. For questions or comments about this alignment, contact info@experienceearlylearning.com.











#### Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators

Early Childhood Indicators of Child Progress: Minnesota's Early Learning Standards (Ages 0-5)

Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills

Physical and Movement Development	
Component P1-4: Gross Motor	
P1 Early infancy - reflexive movements	
P1.1 Laying on back, kicks legs and waves arms P1.2 Laying on tummy, holds head up	PD 1 Gross Motor PD 1.1 Sits independently and pulls self into a standing position. Kicks or grabs from a seated or lying position.
P2 Early infancy movement In and out of position	
P2.1 Rolls over: tummy to back/back to tummy P2.2 Moves into/out of sitting	PD 1 Gross Motor PD 1.1 Sits independently and pulls self into a standing position. Kicks or grabs from a seated or lying position.
P3 Locomotion	
P3.1 Crawls by one of these methods: - On tummy using arms/legs (tummy/commando) - Two straight arms and one bent leg (3-point), - Scoots instead of crawls: from a seated position by pushing forward with legs (bend & straighten)/arm assist P3.2 Pulls to stand up against furniture P3.3 Cruises along surfaces (e.g., low tables, chairs, shelves P3.4 Walks with assistance P3.5 Crawls up a few stairs with adult observing P3.6 Walks independently P3.7 Runs freely P3.8 Crawls up 3 to 5 stairs P3.9 Walks on some different surfaces	PD 1 Gross Motor  PD 1.1 Sits independently and pulls self into a standing position. Kicks or grabs from a seated or lying position.  PD 1.2 Walks and climbs. Carries, drags, kicks and tosses objects.  PD 1.3 Runs and balances on a wide beam. Throws objects in an intended direction. Catches objects against body.  PD 1.4 Balances and hops on one foot. Throws both overhand and underhand. Catches or kicks moving objects.  PD 1.5 Hops from one foot to the other. Begins to skip. Coordinates multiple movements in simple sequences.  PD 1.6 Skips confidently, gallops and slides side to side. Changes direction and speed of movement.  PD 1.7 Balances on a variety of objects. Kicks or strikes moving objects with aim and accuracy. Leaps. Stops at a boundary.

P3.10 Walks up and down a few stairs with adult support or holding handrail (step up on stair, then brings next foot to same stair)

P3.11 Runs in games and freely

P3.12 Climbs onto/off furniture

P3.13 Jumps with two feet over a line

P3.14 Crawls under and around 3 or more objects in an obstacle course

P3.15 Walks along a wide (12" >) slightly raised straight pathway with assistance

P3.16 Walks up and down a few stairs with adult support or holding handrail using alternating feet (step up on stair one foot, then use other foot to go to the next stair)

P3.17 Climbs on play equipment

P3.18 Hops on one foot a few times

P3.19 Jumps off slightly elevated height with two feet

P3.20 Jumps with two feet over and out of spaces or objects on floor ("river" w rope or tape markers/hula hoops)

P3.21 Walks on a wide (12>) slightly raised pathway

P3.22 Walks up and down stairs holding handrail

P3.23 Jumps off variable heights using a one-foot lead or with two feet

P3.24. Gallops freely or in a game (one foot and a step-hop, other foot and a step-hop)

P3.25 Moves many times through an obstacle course: over, under and around

#### SS 3 Geography

SS 3.2 Recognizes familiar places. Finds ways to move around obstacles in a familiar environment.

#### P4 Object control

- P4.1 Pushes and pulls toys while walking
- P4.2 Throws small balls
- P4.3 Pushes medium size ball forward with foot
- P4.4 Rolls a small ball to close target
- P4.5 Throws a small ball close to target
- P4.6 Pushes with legs while sitting on a scooter or balance bike
- P4.7 Kicks a medium-sized ball
- P4.8 Throws a large playground ball using two hands
- P4.9 Catches a large or medium ball by cradling in arms toward body
- P4.10 Pedals a tricycle or riding toys
- P4.11 Kicks playground ball or small soccer ball to a close wide target
- P4.12 Throws a small ball with some accuracy to a target or person
- P4.13 Catches a large or medium-sized ball using two hands
- P4.14 Bounces and catches a playground ball a few times using two hands
- P4.15 Attempts to pump legs to swing on swing

#### PD 1 Gross Motor

- PD 1.2 Walks and climbs. Carries, drags, kicks and tosses objects.
- PD 1.3 Runs and balances on a wide beam. Throws objects in an intended direction. Catches objects against body.
- PD 1.4 Balances and hops on one foot. Throws both overhand and underhand. Catches or kicks moving objects.
- PD 1.5 Hops from one foot to the other. Begins to skip. Coordinates multiple movements in simple sequences.

#### PD 2 Fine Motor

- PD 2.1 Reaches for objects in sight. Uses arms or legs to make contact with an object.
- PD 2.2 Purposefully grasps objects with finger and thumb. Uses hands to accomplish tasks such as feeding self.

#### MR 4 Measurement

MR 4.1 Recognizes when to use whole hand or just two fingers to pick up an object.

Component P5-6: Fine Motor Skills	
P5 Dexterity	
P5.1 Reaches for toy, grasps it and releases P5.2 Grasps small food objects using finger and thumb P5.3 Transfers object from one hand to other hand P5.4 Grasps toys, objects to release into container P5.5 Dumps out toys and objects from a container P5.6 Turns pages of a board book P5.7 Begins to grasp crayon to scribble P5.8 Stacks a few blocks P5.9 Turns pages of a book P5.10 Grasps a crayon to scribble P5.11 Stacks 4 blocks P5.12 Grasps a simple puzzle piece and can place a few pieces in the puzzle P5.13 Draws freely on paper P5.14 Strings large beads P5.15 Grasps puzzle piece and can place 5-7 pieces in the puzzle P5.16 Draws letters and/or part of name with some reversals P5.17 Draws stick people and some objects	PD 2 Fine Motor PD 2.1 Reaches for objects in sight. Uses arms or legs to make contact with an object. PD 2.2 Purposefully grasps objects with finger and thumb. Uses hands to accomplish tasks such as feeding self. PD 2.3 Opens, closes, twists and pulls objects with one or both hands. PD 2.4 Manipulates objects with hands doing different things. Snips with scissors. Begins to string large beads. MR 4 Measurement MR 4.1 Recognizes when to use whole hand or just two fingers to pick up an object. LLD 5 Concepts of Print LLD 5.1 Looks at or points to pictures. Opens and closes books. LLD 7 Writing LLD 7.1 Explores writing materials. LLD 7.4 Uses fingers to grasp and manipulate drawing/writing tools with increasing control. Draws lines, circles or shapes and explains who or what they represent.
P6 Self Care	
P6.1 Assists with dressing by lifting leg, arm, etc. P6.2 Feeds self with hands P6.3 Begins to drink from a cup P6.4 When being dressed or undressed, assists with some clothes P6.5 Feeds self with hands and begins to use a child-size spoon P6.6 Drinks from a cup P6.7 Helps put away a few toys P6.8 Attempts to dress self for indoors with support (help with buttons and zippers) P6.9 Helps put away toys P6.10 May use the bathroom with assistance P6.11 Assists with putting shoes on and taking them off P6.12 Assists with putting boots on and taking off P6.13 Puts on coat and takes coat off with assistance P6.14 Dresses with near independence P6.15 Puts shoes on the correct feet. May need help with ties and fasteners	PD 2 Fine Motor PD 2.3 Opens, closes, twists and pulls objects with one or both hands. PD 4 Personal Care PD 4.2 Recognizes the difference between dirty and clean. Points to body parts when prompted. Participates in taking care of some personal needs, such as feeding self. PD 4.3 With help, participates in healthy habits and healthcare routines. Names body parts. Describes basic personal needs. PD 4.4 Describes the function of basic body parts. Regulates toileting and handwashing needs. Follows a routine of rest and active play. Meets most personal needs and understands that all people have needs. PD 5 Nutrition PD 5.3 Anticipates the need to eat, rest and drink. Feeds self soft foods with spoon or other utensil.

P6.16 Puts boots on correct feet and takes boots off. May need help with ties and fasteners P6.17 Puts coat on and takes off P6.18 Uses the bathroom independently	
--	--

Social and Emotional Development	
Component S1-3: Self and Emotional Awareness	
SE 1 Confidence	
1.1 Independently prompts caregiver to meet basic needs S1.2 Uses voice or body to show likes and dislikes S1.3 Independently attempts new challenges or activities that may or may not be successful S1.4 Checks with and accepts support from adult or caregiver when necessary S1.5 Demonstrates or describes personal skills, likes, or dislikes S1.6 Seeks help from adult to meet needs or solve problems S1.7 Seeks out available social-emotional resources such as adults, peers or things for support S1.8 Demonstrates confidence in a range of abilities and expresses pride in accomplishments S1.9 Consistently and effectively uses social/emotional resources such as adults, peers or things for support S1.10 Demonstrates increasing confidence and inclination to express opinions and ideas S1.11 Engages in increasingly independent and self-directed activities S1.12 Tolerates constructive criticism and manages setbacks, seeking adult support when needed	SED 1 Self-Awareness SED 1.3 Expresses likes and dislikes. Expresses simple ideas about self in relation to others such as family. SED 2 Self-Regulation SED 2.2 Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self by seeking a familiar adult or thing. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers. SED 3 Attention and Persistence SED 3.3 Expresses likes and dislikes. Expresses simple ideas about self in relation to others such as family. SED 3.4 Initiates an activity and seeks help to complete it. Practices or repeats an activity many times until successful. SED 4 Social Relationships SED 4.1 Responds to primary caregivers through eye contact and gentle touch. Adjusts behavior according to emotional or facial response of a familiar person. Enjoys turn-taking games such as peekaboo. SED 4.4 Participates in group with those different than self. Asks adult to help solve problems. Explains why someone may be happy or sad. PD 3 Safety PD 3.4 Seeks opportunities to help others. Tries to solve own social problems.
S2 Self-Awareness	
S2.1 Explores the world and environment around self and how things work S2.2 Demonstrates awareness of self as separate from others S2.3 Identifies self as part of the family, culture, community, or group S2.4 Describes or labels self as a boy or girl S2.5 Demonstrates knowledge of family celebrations, traditions, and expectations S2.6 Shows increasingly accurate understanding of own strengths, preferences, limitations, and personal qualities S2.7 Demonstrates growing interest in and awareness of similarities and	SED 1 Self Awareness SED 1.1 Explores self and others by using senses. SED1.3 Expresses likes and dislikes. Expresses simple ideas about self in relation to others such as family. SED 1.4 When given two to three options, chooses his/her most desired option. SS 1 Culture and Community SS 1.3 Recognizes familiar symbols or artifacts of family traditions or customs.

differences between self and others	Identifies differences between self and others SS 1.4 Describes the routines, familiar stories, traditions, foods and celebrations of own family and community. Describes family and community members, their roles and their relationship to self.
S3 Emotions	
S3.1 Expresses emotions through facial expressions, sounds, and gestures S3.2 Notices and responds to emotions displayed by others S3.3 Expresses feelings, needs, and wants with nonverbal communication, vocalizations, and a few words S3.4 Associates emotions with words and expressions S3.5 Recognizes and describes own emotions S3.6 Shows some understanding of others' emotional expressions S3.7 Uses words to express emotions S3.8 Recognizes and responds to others' emotional expression S3.9 Demonstrates or describes increasing understanding of cause and effect around own emotional reactions S3.10 Exhibits growing ability to understand and anticipate others' emotional reactions to situations or behaviors	SED 2 Self Regulation SED 2.2 Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self by seeking a familiar adult or thing. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers. SED 2.3 Experiments and role-plays with a range of emotions. Recognizes when the typical routine is not followed and identifies the change. SED 2.4 Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders. With support, negotiates ways to handle nonroutine transitions. SED 2.5 Names some personal feelings and uses strategies to manage behavior. Anticipates a change in routine and begins to prepare self by finding a desired thing or person.  LLD 1 Listening LLD 1.3 Shows understanding of a wide variety of phrases and sentences. Responds to simple statements and questions. Follows related two-step directions given verbally.  LLD 2 Communication  LLD 2.2 Says one- to two-word sentences. Repeats words heard frequently in environment. Uses a few words and word-like sounds to communicate.  SED 4 Social Relationships  SED 4.4 Participates in group with those different than self. Asks adult to help solve problems. Explains why someone may be happy or sad.
Component S4-5: Self Management	
S4 Managing thinking	
S4.1 Briefly pays attention to environmental stimuli S4.2 Indicates a choice with physical or vocal response S4.3 Focuses attention on preferred items and experiences S4.4 Expresses thoughts by responding to simple choices and limits verbally or nonverbally, S4.5 Anticipates and follows simple routines S4.6 Frequently pays attention to both familiar and new objects and experiences	SED 1 Self Awareness SED 1.4 When given two to three options, chooses his/her most desired option. SED 2 Self-Regulation SED 2.2 Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self by seeking a familiar adult or thing. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers.

- S4.7 Chooses from a variety of options within the environment
- S4.8 Responds to soothing or redirection when playing or learning does not go as expected
- S4.9 Attends for longer periods and persists through a broad range of adult-directed and child-initiated activities
- S4.10 Makes self-directed choices from a greater variety of options
- S4.11 Increasing ability to remember and follow simple two-step directions
- S4.12 Sustains attention and persistence with a task of interest for at least 5 minutes
- S4.13 Talks through simple tasks and conflicts, seeking adult support as needed

SED 2.3 Experiments and role-plays with a range of emotions. Recognizes when the typical routine is not followed and identifies the change.

SED 2.4 Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders. With support, negotiates ways to handle nonroutine transitions.

#### SED 3 Attention and Persistence

SED 3.3 Focuses on an engaging activity for a short period of time independently or with an adult. Asserts a desire to start or end an activity. Asks for help as needed.

SED 3.4 Initiates an activity and seeks help to complete it. Practices or repeats an activity many times until successful.

SED 3.5 Sustains focus for at least five minutes, persisting even if there are problems or distractions. Independently completes a familiar activity.

#### **LLD 2 Communication**

LLD 2.5 Speaks in simple complete sentences. Uses question words. Includes technical words and asks what unfamiliar words mean. Tells stories and engages in conversations through multiple exchanges.

#### S5 Managing emotions and behaviors

- S5.1 Uses simple behaviors, objects, or movements to comfort and calm self with caregiver assistance
- S5.2 Communicates needs or wants to adults using simple gestures, sign language, or sounds
- S5.3 Uses sounds, sign language, or gestures to gain adult help to alleviate discomfort or distress
- S5.4 Responds to adult efforts to calm or soothe
- S5.5 Uses behaviors, objects, or movements to comfort self
- S5.6 Expands use of sign language, gestures, and a few words or phrases to communicate needs, wants, preferences, and discomforts to adults
- S5.7 Actively seeks adult help using sounds, gestures, or some words when feeling strong emotions, either positive or negative
- S5.8 Anticipates and actively avoids or ignores situations that cause discomfort
- S5.9 Follows simple routines, expectations, and boundaries to help manage own emotions and behavior
- S5.10 Tolerates brief delays in getting needs met
- S5.11 Uses a wide variety of self-comforting behaviors
- S5.12 Communicates specific needs, wants, and discomfort to adults
- S5.13 Anticipates the need for comfort and tries to prepare self for changes in routine
- S5.14 Follows simple expectations to manage emotions and behaviors, but may require reminders or assistance, particularly during more intense feelings

#### **SED 2 Self Regulation**

- SED 2.1 Calms with support from caregiver. Responds as caregiver takes care of his/her needs. Reacts to changes in routine.
- SED 2.2 Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self by seeking a familiar adult or thing. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers.
- SED 2.4 Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders. With support, negotiates ways to handle nonroutine transitions.
- SED 2.5 Names some personal feelings and uses strategies to manage behavior. Anticipates a change in routine and begins to prepare self by finding a desired thing or person.

#### **SED 3 Attention & Persistence**

SED 3.2 Participates in daily routines or familiar activities. Attends to what others are looking at or pointing to.

#### **SED 4 Social Relationships**

SED 4.6 Describes friendships and meaningful relationships. Suggests solutions to group problems. Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly.

#### **LLD 2 Communication**

LLD 2.3 Says two- to four-word sentences and repeats short phrases. Identifies familiar people, places and objects. Asks what a specific person or object is called. Communicates needs, desires and ideas.

or circumstances S5.15 Waits briefly to obtain something desired S5.16 Consistently calms self when feeling strong emotions or discomfort with only occasional adult guidance and assistance S5.17 Independently expresses feelings, needs, opinions, and desires in appropriate ways S5.18 Follows expectations established to manage feelings and behaviors with necessary reminders or assistance S5.19 Demonstrates the ability to delay gratification for longer periods of time S5.20 Demonstrates understanding of rules, roles, jobs, and relationships in families and the community S5.21 Increasingly expresses feelings, needs, opinions and desires verbally S5.22 Shows increasing understanding of changing expectations for behavior and emotional expression in different settings (e.g., home, school, grocery store) S5.23 Shows increasing ability to manage challenging feelings and behaviors, with necessary reminders or assistance S5.24 Shows increasing ability to stop and think before acting	SS 1 Culture and Community SS 1.5 Explains the meaning and importance of own traditions and customs. Begins to learn about other cultures. Identifies roles and responsibilities of self and others to contribute to the community.
Component S6-8: Social Understanding and Relationships	
S6 Social responsiveness	
S6.1 Shows interest or reacts to others' emotions S6.2 Responds to others' emotional tone and actions S6.3 Imitates others' emotions and expressions S6.4 Shows some individual response to others' emotional tone S6.5 Identifies others' basic emotional cues S6.6 Shows concern for others through efforts to help or comfort S6.7 Shows understanding, empathy, and compassion for others through words or gestures S6.8 Labels others' emotions S6.9 Appropriately labels increasingly complex emotions in others (e.g., pride, embarrassment, jealousy) S6.10 Responds appropriately to others' emotions S6.11 Shows increasing understanding and appreciation of the perspectives of peers	SED 4.3 Identifies and plays side-by-side with a new or familiar person. Demonstrates concern for someone who is sad. Identifies differences between self and others. Participates in an activity when asked. SED 4.4 Participates in group with those different than self. Asks adult to help solve problems. Explains why someone may be happy or sad. SED 4.5 Initiates play with one or more persons. Offers to help others. Identifies roles of self and others during tasks or pretend play. Asks questions about how others feel, live, eat, play and believe. SED 4.6 Describes friendships and meaningful relationships. Suggests solutions to group problems. Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly. PD 3 Safety PD 3.4 Seeks opportunities to help others. Tries to solve own social problems.
S7 Building relationships	
S7.1 Shows a preference for a trusted adult	SED 2 Self-Regulation

- S7.2 Notices or responds to others
- S7.3 Shows preferences for one or more adults or children
- S7.4 Shows some awareness or caution with unfamiliar adults
- S7.5 Uses trusted adult(s) as a base from which to explore
- S7.6 Seeks out familiar adults and children for conversation and play
- S7.7 Manages routine separations with decreasing amount of distress
- S7.8 Shares information and participates in activities with adults and peers
- S7.9 Builds friendships through play, learning activities and conversation with peers
- S7.10 Uses trusted adults for support in diverse settings (e.g., classroom, outside) when in need of assistance.

SED 2.1 Calms with support from caregiver. Responds as caregiver takes care of his/her needs. Reacts to changes in routine.

SED 2.2 Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self by seeking a familiar adult or thing. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers.

SED 2.3 Experiments and role-plays with a range of emotions. Recognizes when the typical routine is not followed and identifies the change.

#### **SED 3 Attention and Persistence**

SED 3.3 Focuses on an engaging activity for a short period of time independently or with an adult. Asserts a desire to start or end an activity. Asks for help as needed.

#### **SED 4 Social Relationships**

SED 4.1 Responds to primary caregivers through eye contact and gentle touch. Adjusts behavior according to emotional or facial response of a familiar person. Enjoys turn-taking games such as peekaboo.

SED 4.4 Participates in group with those different than self. Asks adult to help solve problems. Explains why someone may be happy or sad.

SED 4.5 Initiates play with one or more persons. Offers to help others. Identifies roles of self and others during tasks or pretend play. Asks questions about how others feel, live, eat, play and believe.

#### S8 Social skills

- S8.1 Notices others and chooses similar materials or copies actions
- S8.2 Play with others in a parallel manner
- S8.3 Recognizes similarities and differences between self and others
- S8.4 Enters play groups using various strategies
- S8.5 Seeks a preferred playmate
- S8.6 Shows flexibility in roles during play
- S8.7 Initiates, joins, and sustains cooperative play and conversations with others
- S8.8 Shows concern, respect, care, and appreciation for others and the environment
- S8.9 Actively helps solve problems with others
- S8.10 Takes turns
- S8.11 Shows increasing ability to initiate and engage in positive interactions with peers and adults
- S8.12 Solves problems with others most of the time, appropriately using support of adults and peers as needed

#### **SED 1 Self-Awareness**

- SED 1.1 Explores self and others by using senses.
- SED 1.3 Expresses likes and dislikes. Expresses simple ideas about self in relation to others such as family.

#### SED 4 Social Relationships

SED 4.3 Identifies and plays side-by-side with a new or familiar person. Demonstrates concern for someone who is sad. Identifies differences between self and others. Participates in an activity when asked.

SED 4.5 Initiates play with one or more persons. Offers to help others. Identifies roles of self and others during tasks or pretend play. Asks questions about how others feel, live, eat, play and believe.

SED 4.6 Describes friendships and meaningful relationships. Suggests solutions to group problems. Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly.

The Arts	
Components A1 - 2: Exploring the Arts	
A1 Child shows an interest in learning about different artistic experiences	
A1.1 Actively explores their environment (through song, music, movement etc) to enrich their senses A1.2 Begins to choose senses to explore A1.3 Investigates different art experiences A1.4 Select their own art experience during play A1.5 Integrates a variety of art experiences during play	CA 2 Dance & Movement  CA 2.1 Moves body in a variety of ways. Uses body language to express feelings.  CA 3 Visual Arts  CA 3.1 Explores materials using gross motor movements and senses.  Expresses emotions while exploring materials.  CA 3.2 Uses hands and feet to explore a variety of media. Scribbles, colors or paints intentionally on paper.  CA 3.3 Explores a variety of artistic tools and media. Uses materials to create shapes and symbols.  CA 3.4 Chooses an object or art tool to use with a given medium for a desired effect. Makes choices throughout the artistic process.
A2 Child can distinguish differences within each area of artistic expression	
A2.1 Notices differences A2.2 Show a preference for toys, people, experiences A2.3 Chooses a artistic expression of their choice A2.4 Uses art-related vocabulary when discussing different media (stage, easel, brush, etc.) A2.5 Discuss differences among artistic expression	CA 1 Music  CA 1.3 Claps to beat (not always consistently). Understands difference of singing and speaking voices. Expresses likes and dislikes of familiar songs. Explores shaking, pounding and tapping various instruments.  CA 3 Visual Arts  CA 3.6 Demonstrates a variety of techniques using a given tool or medium. Creates arts to represent an idea or object. Explains how it was made.  CA 2 Dance and Movements  CA 2.2 Moves body purposely. Sways or bounces to music. Uses purposeful gestures and body language to communicate.  CA 2.4 Describes and demonstrates multiple ways to move body parts. Moves to the beat. Demonstrates different levels of energy in dance, e.g., gentle versus explosive or small versus large movements.  LLD 2 Communication  LLD 2.5 Speaks in simple complete sentences. Uses question words. Includes technical words and asks what unfamiliar words mean. Tells stories and

	engages in conversations through multiple exchanges.
Components A3-4: Using the Arts to Express Ideas and Emotions	
A3 Child demonstrates interest and emotions in artistic expression	
A3.1 Responds to music by vocalizing, moving body, smiling or frowning at pictures, colors, shapes, etc. A3.2 Shows emotion when engages in artistic expression A3.3 Chooses to spend time in artistic expression with available materials (paint, crayons, dramatic play, music etc) and shares ideas A3.4 Demonstrates their preference by combining artistic elements (color, sound, media etc.) A3.5 Elects to spend time in artistic expression with purpose and analyzes their work	CA 2 Dance & Movement  CA 2.1 Moves body in a variety of ways. Uses body language to express feelings.  CA 3 Visual Arts  CA 3.1 Explores materials using gross motor movements and senses.  Expresses emotions while exploring materials.  CA 3.2 Uses hands and feet to explore a variety of media. Scribbles, colors or paints intentionally on paper.  CA 3.3 Explores a variety of artistic tools and media. Uses materials to create shapes and symbols.  CA 3.5 Uses artistic tools and media to create intentional designs or images.  Plans, designs and seeks materials to make a creation.
A4 Child understands patterns in artistic media	
A4.1 Imitates sounds, motions and gestures A4.2 Shows preference for familiar sounds, motions and gestures A4.3 Begins to duplicate artistic patterns A4.4 Extends their artistic patterns with sounds, music, motions, gestures and materials A4.5 Creates their own artistic patterns	CA 1 Music  CA 1.1 Responds to sounds. Makes sounds to communicate feelings.  CA 1.3 Claps to beat (not always consistently). Understands difference of singing and speaking voices. Expresses likes and dislikes of familiar songs. Explores shaking, pounding and tapping various instruments.  CA 1.4 Claps along to simple rhythm patterns. Controls voice to mimic the melodic direction. Uses voice, common objects or instruments to create music. Identifies self as a musician.  CA 1.5 Repeats simple rhythm patterns. Hears the change of musical phrases in a song. Sings along to familiar songs. Uses voice or instruments to express feelings or to mimic sound effects.  CA 1.6 Creates simple rhythm patterns. Controls pitch when singing a familiar song. Communicates ideas by creating rhythm and/or melody.  MR 5 Patterns  MR 5.4 Creates and extends two-step patterns.
Component A5: Self-Expression in the Arts	

A5 Child uses art for self-expression	
A5.1 Expresses emotions when exposed to the arts A5.2 Shows preference in a variety of the arts to express oneself A5.3 Shares feelings and ideas through the arts A5.4 Describes own feelings through artistic expression A5.5 Intentionally uses art for self-expression	CA 2 Dance & Movement  CA 2.1 Moves body in a variety of ways. Uses body language to express feelings.  CA 2.2 Moves body purposely. Sways or bounces to music. Uses purposeful gestures and body language to communicate.  CA 3 Visual Arts  CA 3.1 Explores materials using gross motor movements and senses.  Expresses emotions while exploring materials.  CA 3.5 Uses artistic tools and media to create intentional designs or images.  Plans, designs and seeks materials to make a creation.  SED 2 Self Regulation  SED 2.4 Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders.  With support, negotiates ways to handle nonroutine transitions.

Approaches to Learning	
Component AL1-2: Initiative and Curiosity	
AL1 Inquisitiveness	
AL1.1 Shows interest in the environment primarily through looking and listening AL1.2 Responds to people by looking kicking legs, vocalizing, reaching AL1.3 Demonstrates readiness for new experiences AL1.4 Uses senses to explore their environment AL1.5 Seeks and taking pleasure in new skills AL1.6 Approaches new materials in the environment with interest AL1.7 Investigates and experiments with materials with enthusiasm AL1.8 Tries different ways of combining materials AL 1.9 Asks questions AL1.10 Scans environment and notices new objects, materials and activities right away. Asks about them AL1.11 Eager to investigate new things and have new experiences	SED 1 Self-Awareness SED 1.1 Explores self and others by using senses. SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry SCI 1.3 Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others. SCI 3 Physical Science SCI 3.1 Uses senses to explore objects in immediate environment. Kicks feet or shakes arms to make other objects move CA 3 Visual Arts CA 3.4 Chooses an object or art tool to use with a given medium for a desired effect. Makes choices throughout the artistic process. LLD 1 Listening LLD 1.1 Turns head toward the person speaking and makes gestures and/or vocalizations in response. Responds to conversation in environment and imitates actions.

	_
	LLD 2 Communication LLD 2.4 Speaks in sentences but does not follow grammatical rules. Describes familiar people, places and objects. Asks simple questions and stays on topic for two to three exchanges.
AL2 Wonderment	
AL2.1 Vocalizes in response to a new person, toy or experience AL2.2 Bangs, moves, throws and dumps materials with pleasure AL2.3 Turns objects around, upside down and inside out to examine characteristics AL2.4 Verbally expresses interest when encountering novel objects or events AL2.5 Independently seeks out new experiences, objects, or materials for own enjoyment	SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry SCI 1.3 Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others. LLD 2 Communication LLD 2.1 Mimics single sounds. Uses vocalizations and gestures to communicate. LLD 2.6 Speaks audibly. Uses plural nouns and common prepositions. Uses new or technical words learned in conversations or through reading. Compares words and their meanings. Explains personal thoughts. MR 2 Spatial Awareness MR 2.1 Plays with objects and toys that are a variety of shapes. Participates as caregiver raises arms or legs and says up/down. Tries to put one object inside another.
Component AL3-6: Attentiveness, Engagement and Persistence	
AL3 Attending	
AL3.1 Recognizes primary caregiver and familiar objects by touch, sight, sound, smell AL3.2 Stays focused on activities for a short period of time AL3.3 Maintains attention for longer periods of time AL3.4 Returns to an activity after an interruption AL3.5 Engages in play with peers for extended period of time AL3.6 Attends in a large group for short periods AL3.7 Attends in large group activities led by teacher for sustained periods AL3.8 Participates in large group activities and discussions AL3.9 Listens to others	SED 2 Self-Regulation SED 2.2 Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self by seeking a familiar adult or thing. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers.  SED 3 Attention and Persistence SED 3.1 Focuses for a short time on a person, sound or thing. Shifts attention from one person or thing to another. SED 3.3 Focuses on an engaging activity for a short period of time independently or with an adult. Asserts a desire to start or end an activity. Asks for help as needed. SED 3.4 Initiates an activity and seeks help to complete it. Practices or repeats an activity many times until successful. SED 3.5 Sustains focus for at least five minutes, persisting even if there are problems or distractions. Independently completes a familiar activity.  LLD 1 Listening

	LLD 1.1 Turns head toward the person speaking and makes gestures and/or vocalizations in response. Responds to conversation in environment and imitates actions.  LLD 4 Alphabetic Knowledge  LLD 4.1 Looks for familiar people and objects when given their names.  Babbles or repeats sounds.  SCI 3 Physical Science  SCI 3.1 Uses senses to explore objects in immediate environment. Kicks feet or shakes arms to make other objects move.
AL4 Self-direction	
AL4.1 Shows preference for people, objects, and food AL4.2 Makes choices seeking occasional assistance from adult AL4.3 Makes choices independently AL4.4 Engages in self-initiated activities for sustained periods of time	SED 1 Self Awareness SED 1.3 Expresses likes and dislikes. Expresses simple ideas about self in relation to others such as family. SED 1.4 When given two to three options, chooses his/her most desired option. SED 3 Attention and Persistence SED 3.4 Initiates an activity and seeks help to complete it. Practices or repeats an activity many times until successful. SCI 1 Investigation & Inquiry SCI 1.3 Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others
AL5 Diligence	
AL5.1 Repeats actions intentionally to achieve goals AL5.2 Interacts with others, objects or activities for short periods of time AL5.3 Seeks assistance then persists to complete task AL5.4 Works at a task despite distractions AL5.6 Conscientiously attempts to complete assigned tasks	SED 3 Attention and Persistence SED 3.1 Focuses for a short time on a person, sound or thing. Shifts attention from one person or thing to another. SED 3.2 Participates in daily routines or familiar activities. Attends to what others are looking at or pointing to. SED 3.3 Focuses on an engaging activity for a short period of time independently or with an adult. Asserts a desire to start or end an activity. Asks for help as needed. SED 3.5 Sustains focus for at least five minutes, persisting even if there are problems or distractions. Independently completes a familiar activity.
AL6 Resilience	
AL6.1 Calms self when frustrated	SED 2 Self Regulation

AL6.2 When upset, can recover in a reasonable amount of time AL6.3 Handles transitions comfortably AL6.4 Copes with change, persists and moves ahead AL6.5 Approaches new tasks with confidence AL6.6 Maintains a positive outlook in spite of challenges AL6.7 Demonstrates ability to adjust to changes	SED 2.1 Calms with support from caregiver. Responds as caregiver takes care of his/her needs. Reacts to changes in routine. SED 2.2 Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self by seeking a familiar adult or thing. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers. SED 2.4 Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders. With support, negotiates ways to handle nonroutine transitions. SED 2.5 Names some personal feelings and uses strategies to manage behavior. Anticipates a change in routine and begins to prepare self by finding a desired thing or person.
Component AL7-9: Creativity	
AL7 Immersion	
AL7.1 Looks and listens with intensity AL7.2 Explores environment with purpose AL7.3 Shows preference for certain activities, objects and materials through sustained involvement AL7.4 Repeatedly becomes engrossed in activities of own choosing. AL7.5 Rarely shows boredom when engaged in preferred activities AL7.6 When interested in a topic seeks opportunities to learn more and satisfy own curiosity	SED 1 Self Awareness  SED 1.3 Expresses likes and dislikes. Expresses simple ideas about self in relation to others such as family.  SED 1.4 When given two to three options, chooses his/her most desired option.  SED 3 Attention and Persistence  SED 3.1 Focuses for a short time on a person, sound or thing. Shifts attention from one person or thing to another  SED 3.5 Sustains focus for at least five minutes, persisting even if there are problems or distractions. Independently completes a familiar activity.  SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry  SCI 1.3 Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others.  SCI 2 Natural & Earth Science  SCI 2.1 Explores immediate environment using senses. Reacts to weather changes in immediate environment.  CA 3 Visual Arts  CA 3.5 Uses artistic tools and media to create intentional designs or images. Plans, designs and seeks materials to make a creation.
AL8 Playfulness	
AL8.1 Smile, coos and laughs AL8.2 Begins to be playful with familiar people and objects AL8.3 Explores and uses materials in new and unconventional ways	CA 1 Music CA 1.1 Responds to sounds. Makes sounds to communicate feelings. CA 2 Dance and Movement

www.ExperienceEarlyLearning.com © 2021 Experience Early Learning Co.

AL8.4 Observes others when they are laughing and smiles or laughs too AL8.5 Shows interest in other's play and seeks out others to play AL8.6 Uses a variety of voice inflections and facial expressions in play; laughs AL8.7 Tries out various pretend roles AL8.8 Experiments with new ways to combine materials when playing AL8.9 Approaches tasks with imagination and inventiveness	CA 2.6 Recalls a simple movement pattern and performs it individually or in a group. Expresses ideas, feelings and stories through creative movement.  CA 4 Drama  CA 4.3 Uses words, actions and props to pretend. Uses realistic toys as replacements for real objects. Distinguishes between real and pretend.  SED 4 Social Relationships  SED 4.1 Responds to primary caregivers through eye contact and gentle touch. Adjusts behavior according to emotional or facial response of a familiar person. Enjoys turn-taking games such as peekaboo.  SED 4.5 Initiates play with one or more persons. Offers to help others. Identifies roles of self and others during tasks or pretend play. Asks questions about how others feel, live, eat, play and believe.  MR 2 Spatial Awareness  MR 2.1 Plays with objects and toys that are a variety of shapes. Participates as caregiver raises arms or legs and says up/down. Tries to put one object inside another.
AL9 Production	
AL9.1 Shows excitement and pleasure at making something happen (activates mobile by kicking foot, drops toy and hears a "bang") AL9.2 Wants to do things by self and has own way of doing thing AL9.3 Begins to play with toys, objects and materials in new, ways. AL9.4 Begins to organize play and carry out own plans AL9.5 Engages in inventive social play AL9.6 Engages in inventive play with materials AL9.7 Tries out different ways to accomplish a task AL9.8 Becomes absorbed in the process of creating AL9.9 Purposefully works to create unique products of own choosing	CA 3 Visual Arts  CA 3.1 Explores materials using gross motor movements and senses.  Expresses emotions while exploring materials.  CA 3.4 Chooses an object or art tool to use with a given medium for a desired effect. Makes choices throughout the artistic process.  CA 4 Drama  CA 4.3 Uses words, actions and props to pretend. Uses realistic toys as replacements for real objects. Distinguishes between real and pretend.  SED 4 Social Relationships  SED 4.5 Initiates play with one or more persons. Offers to help others. Identifies roles of self and others during tasks or pretend play. Asks questions about how others feel, live, eat, play and believe.  MR 2 Spatial Awareness  MR 2.1 Plays with objects and toys that are a variety of shapes. Participates as caregiver raises arms or legs and says up/down. Tries to put one object inside another.  MR 2.2 Purposely turns or spins objects. Follows simple positional directions such as on/off, over/under and up/down. Fills container then dumps out the contents.
Component AL10-13: Processing and Utilizing Information	

#### **AL10 Working Memory**

AL10.1 Demonstrates understanding of object permanence

AL10.2 Uses some prior experiences to build new knowledge and solve problems

AL10.3 Anticipates familiar, daily events

AL10.4 Able to remember and pretend a sequence of events

AL10.5 Recites simple songs, rhymes, a short sequence of letters, numbers, etc.

AL10.6 Recalls and follows multi step directions of increasing complexity AL10.7 Recites complete songs or rhymes

AL10.8 Independently carries out all of the steps in daily routines such as putting toys away, preparing for lunch, etc

AL10.9 Participates in discussions about familiar topics and contributes relevant information

#### **LLD 1 Listening**

LLD 1.5 Listens and understands inferred requests. For example, child gathers more playdough in response to a verbal prompt to help build a larger playdough ball. Follows multi-step directions given verbally.

#### **LLD 2 Communication**

LLD 2.5 Speaks in simple complete sentences. Uses question words. Includes technical words and asks what unfamiliar words mean. Tells stories and engages in conversations through multiple exchanges.

#### **SED 3 Attention and Persistence**

SED 3.2 Participates in daily routines or familiar activities. Attends to what others are looking at or pointing to.

SED 3.4 Initiates an activity and seeks help to complete it. Practices or repeats an activity many times until successful.

#### CA 1 Music

CA 1. 2 Responds to changes in sound, rhythm, volume or melody. Repeats words in familiar songs and attempts to sing.

CA 1.5 Repeats simple rhythm patterns. Hears the change of musical phrases in a song. Sings along to familiar songs. Uses voice or instruments to express feelings or to mimic sound effects.

#### SCI 1 Investigation & Inquiry

SCI 1.1 Looks for a person or toy that has moved out of sight. Reacts to changes.

#### **MR 5 Patterns**

MR 5.2 Attempts to mimic vocal and physical patterns.

#### AL11 Symbolic Representation

AL11.1 Imitates actions or makes a sound to represent or stand for an object or event ("Arf" for dog)

AL11.2 Acts out a sequence of related actions to recreate personal experiences

(feeding teddy bear with a spoon, etc)

AL11.3 Begins to use one object to stand for another in play. (block as a telephone)

AL11.4 After exploring and experimenting with materials, labels their creation AL11.5 Begins to intentionally plan how to use materials to express an idea(may have a story in mind when pretending)

AL11.6 Notices written words represent objects, people or events and begins

#### **CA 3 Visual Arts**

CA 3.4 Chooses an object or art tool to use with a given medium for a desired effect. Makes choices throughout the artistic process.

#### CA 4 Drama

CA 4.3 Uses words, actions and props to pretend. Uses realistic toys as replacements for real objects. Distinguishes between real and pretend. CA 4.4 Plays a role in group dramatic play. Uses an object as a replacement for a realistic prop or real object.

#### LLD 2 Communication

LLD 2.1 Mimics single sounds. Uses vocalizations and gestures to communicate.

to use in play AL11.7 Plans and creates elaborate play plots, stories, block structures and art projects AL11.8 Begins to use print as a tool to express thoughts, ideas and to intentionally communicate	LLD 5 Concepts of Print  LLD 5.4 Identifies letters, words, spaces and some punctuation. Follows the direction of text.  LLD 6 Reading Comprehension  LLD 6.3 Talks about pictures and ideas in familiar stories. Answers "what" questions about stories and books. Recalls the name of the main character.  MR 2 Spatial Awareness  MR 2.3 Recognizes objects that are upside-down and turns them right-side up. Finds or places objects next to, between, in front of or behind self. Puts together three pieces to create a whole object.
AL12 Cognitive Flexibility/ Reasoning	
AL12.1 Recognizes their actions can cause a specific response AL12.2 Notices similarities and differences AL12.3 Anticipates what will happen next AL12.4 Makes inferences based on what is seen, heard, smelled, etc. AL12.5 Considers possibilities for why something happened AL12.6 Predicts and hypothesizes what will happen next AL12.7 Forms theories about why things happen AL12.8 Draws conclusions and can explain their thinking AL12.9 Considers another point of view and will change opinion or idea when faced with new information AL12.10 Collaborates with others to investigate a situation or problem	LLD 6 Reading Comprehension  LLD 6.4 Anticipates what comes next in familiar stories. Expresses likes or dislikes within the story. Participates with others in the retelling of a story by pointing at pictures or role-playing with props.  SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry  SCI 1.4 Observes and describes changes that occur to familiar objects and people. When given a question, guesses a possible answer or outcome. Uses past knowledge to explain observed changes.  MR 3 Shapes  MR 3.2 Matches two identical shapes.  MR 4 Measurement  MR 4.3 Determines which object is bigger (heavier, longer) when given two objects.  MR 7 Logic and Reasoning  MR 7.1 Reacts to a problem and seeks a desired outcome.  MR 7.2 Experiments with cause and effect.
AL13 Problem Solving	
AL13.1 Notices and pays attention to things that seem amiss AL13.2 Examines objects that don't respond as usual; attempts to make object work as expected Al13.3 Communicates to others that there is a problem and request that they solve it AL13.4 Makes guesses about how a problem might be solved and with support is willing to follow through to a solution AL13.5 Independently attempts to solve problems	SED 4 Social Relationships SED 4.6 Describes friendships and meaningful relationships. Suggests solutions to group problems. Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly.  MR 7 Logic and Reasoning MR 7.1 Reacts to a problem and seeks a desired outcome. MR 7.2 Experiments with cause and effect.

AL13.6 Explains the possible solution and the outcome AL13.7 Evaluates the outcome of attempted solutions and makes revisions if necessary	MR 7.3 Recognizes a problem and asks for help. MR 7.5 Uses previous knowledge to determine which solution to try first when solving a problem. MR 7.6 Mentally eliminates possible solutions to a problem by thinking through their potential results. MR 7.7 Explains the sequence of his or her problem-solving strategy.
--	---

Language, Literacy and Communications: Cognitive	
Component LLC 1-2: Listening and Understanding; Receptive Language	
L1 Language comprehension	
L1.1 Turns toward and focuses on nearby adult caregiver who is speaking L1.2 Watches caregiver actions and gestures L1.3 Responds to nonverbal and verbal cues L1.4 Responds to conversation, questions, and requests L1.5 Responds to an object or action label such as ball or eat L1.6 Responds to increasingly complex sentences L1.7 Responds to descriptive language about objects, actions, and concepts L1.8 Shows understanding of questions and statements about people, objects, ideas, and feelings L1.9 Points to or places an object in/out, under/over and top/bottom when asked L1.10 Notices when adults use unusual or uncommon words L1.11 Responds to direct questions and follows simple directions L1.12 Points to or places objects before, after, above, and below based on verbal cues L1.13 Follows directions that involve two or more steps L1.14 Responds to increasingly complex prepositional directions, such as beside, around and next to	LLD 1 Listening  LLD 1.1 Turns head toward the person speaking and makes gestures and/or vocalizations in response. Responds to conversation in environment and imitates actions.  LLD 1.2 Shows understanding of a variety of single familiar words. Points at named objects or body parts. With prompts and gestures, follows a one-step direction.  LLD 1.3 Shows understanding of a wide variety of phrases and sentences. Responds to simple statements and questions. Follows related two-step directions given verbally.  LLD 1.4 Shows understanding of some complex vocabulary. Asks what objects are called. Listens to a story or request then responds appropriately. Follows unrelated two-step directions given verbally.  LLD 2 Communication  LLD 2.3 Says two- to four-word sentences and repeats short phrases. Identifies familiar people, places and objects. Asks what a specific person or object is called. Communicates needs, desires and ideas.  LLD 4 Alphabetic Knowledge  LLD 4.1 Looks for familiar people and objects when given their names. Babbles or repeats sounds.  MR 2 Spatial Awareness  MR 2 Spatial Awareness  MR 2.2 Purposely turns or spins objects. Follows simple positional directions

	such as on/off, over/under and up/down. Fills container then dumps out the contents.
Component LLC 3-4: Communicating and Speaking; Expressive Language	
L2 Social conversation	
1.1 Coos and gurgles, babbles, and imitates facial expressions to caregivers L2.2 Begins a conversation through body movements L2.3 Uses sounds, gestures, or actions to communicate and express needs and wants L2.4 Makes different sounds in response to objects, people, or activities L2.5 Uses real or made-up words or signs to express basic wants and needs L2.6 Adds to or extends conversations with others L2.7 Uses sounds, signs, words, phrases for desires and interests L2.8 Begins to ask "why" questions L2.9 Starts conversations with others L2.10 Continues conversations with comments or questions L2.11 Negotiates, shares, plans, and solves problems with others L2.12 Asks and answers questions to seek help or get information	SED 1 Self Awareness SED 1.5 Describes and compares preferences of self and others. SED 1.6 Negotiates to attain personal preference in a situation. SED 4 Social Relationships SED 4.1 Responds to primary caregivers through eye contact and gentle touch. Adjusts behavior according to emotional or facial response of a familiar person. Enjoys turn-taking games such as peekaboo. SED 4.6 Describes friendships and meaningful relationships. Suggests solutions to group problems. Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly.  LLD 1 Listening LLD 1.1 Turns head toward the person speaking and makes gestures and/or vocalizations in response. Responds to conversation in environment and imitates actions.  LLD 1.2 Shows understanding of a variety of single familiar words. Points at named objects or body parts. With prompts and gestures, follows a one-step direction.  LLD 1.6 Shows understanding of a series of complex statements that explain how or why. Asks and answers general questions about information or stories shared verbally.  LLD 2 Communication  LLD 2.1 Mimics single sounds. Uses vocalizations and gestures to communicate.  LLD 2.2 Says one- to two-word sentences. Repeats words heard frequently in environment. Uses a few words and word-like sounds to communicate.  MR 7 Logic and Reasoning  MR 7.5 Uses previous knowledge to determine which solution to try first when solving a problem.
L3 Vocabulary and syntax	

- L3.1 Imitates and repeats pitch and duration of caregiver sounds
- L3.2 Uses a few words or word approximations to represent concepts
- L3.3 Names a few objects and people
- L3.4 Imitates animal and other environmental sounds
- L3.5 Constructs simple two-word sentences (object and action)
- L3.6 Rapidly increases use and number of sounds and words
- L3.7 Uses increasingly complex and varied vocabulary and language
- L3.8 Rapidly increases use of descriptive words such as giant, scary, silly
- L3.9 Uses verbs such as have, had, or will in everyday conversation
- L3.10 Uses short sentences to shares information about experiences, people, places, and things
- L3.11 Uses increasingly precise adverbs such as quietly, loudly, quickly
- L3.12 Uses more new and precise words
- L3.13 Correctly uses some past tense and irregular verbs (go, went, gone)
- L3.14 Uses sentences that express logical relationships between concepts
- L3.15 Uses increasingly specific words to name objects and their features and functions
- L3.16 Shares information about experiences, people, places, and things in sequence

#### LLD 2 Communication

LLD 2.1 Mimics single sounds. Uses vocalizations and gestures to communicate.

LLD 2.2 Says one- to two-word sentences. Repeats words heard frequently in environment. Uses a few words and word-like sounds to communicate.

LLD 2.3 Says two- to four-word sentences and repeats short phrases. Identifies familiar people, places and objects. Asks what a specific person or object is called. Communicates needs, desires and ideas.

LLD 2.5 Speaks in simple complete sentences. Uses question words. Includes technical words and asks what unfamiliar words mean. Tells stories and engages in conversations through multiple exchanges.

LLD 2.6 Speaks audibly. Uses plural nouns and common prepositions. Uses new or technical words learned in conversations or through reading. Compares words and their meanings. Explains personal thoughts.

LLD 3 Phonological Awareness

LLD 3.2 Imitates sounds and tones.

#### LLD 4 Alphabetic Knowledge

LLD 4.7 Reads and decodes root words with inflectional endings, e.g., -ed, -ing, -s. Recognizes letter patterns, word families, long and short vowel sounds, whole word chunks, digraphs and blends.

#### Component LLC 5-13: Emergent Reading

#### L4 Motivation, engagement

- L4.1 Likes to be read to and shown pictures
- L4.2 Makes sounds while looking at text or images
- L4.3 Points to a few pictures in books and in response to adult questions
- L4.4 Demonstrates interest and involvement with books and other print materials
- L4.5 Relates an object in a book or print to the real object
- L4.6 Imitates reading
- L4.7 Shows interest in both pictures and text
- L4.8 Asks for or picks out favorite texts
- L4.9 Focuses on a book while listening to the reader
- L4.10 Shows persistence with longer and more complex narratives and informational text
- L4.11 Offers a personal response to stories read aloud
- L4.12 Actively participates in reading activities with enjoyment and purpose
- L4.13 Retells familiar stories using the book as a guide

#### **LLD 2 Communication**

LLD 2.6 Speaks audibly. Uses plural nouns and common prepositions. Uses new or technical words learned in conversations or through reading. Compares words and their meanings. Explains personal thoughts.

#### LLD 4 Alphabetic Knowledge

LLD 4.2 Identifies a familiar object or person when shown a drawing or photo. Points at words printed on a page and pretends to read aloud.

LLD 4.6 Reads high-frequency sight words. Identifies all letters and their sounds. Begins to sound out the letters in two- to four-letter words.

#### **LLD 5 Concepts of Print**

LLD 5.1 Looks at or points to pictures. Opens and closes books.

#### **LLD 6 Reading Comprehension**

LLD 6.1 Interacts by reaching for or patting when a book is read. Holds book and looks intently at each page.

LLD 6.2 Points to pictures and repeats words from familiar stories. Answers

	"where" questions by pointing. LLD 6.5 Relates to the characters or events of the story and shares a similar experience or object from own life. Retells portions of a story. Asks and answers simple questions about characters, setting and events.
L5 Phonological awareness	
L5.1 Looks at caregiver's lips and face when caregiver is speaking L5.2 Pays attention to sounds in the environment and the spoken language from caregivers L5.3 Shows interest in songs, rhymes, chants, and stories L5.4 Recognizes sounds used by speakers of child's home language L5.5 Imitates sounds heard in the environment L5.6 Identifies sounds heard in the environment L5.7 Repeats different sounds in rhymes and familiar words L5.8 Distinguishes between spoken language and environmental sounds L5.9 Recalls previously heard words, songs, and rhymes L5.10 Shows interest in and associates sounds with words L5.11 Playfully explores sounds, words, and language, including rhyme and alliteration L5.12 Identifies and continues sound patterns in words L5.13 Plays with the sounds in spoken language, independent of meaning	LLD 2 Communication  LLD 2.1 Mimics single sounds. Uses vocalizations and gestures to communicate.  LLD 3 Phonological Awareness  LLD 3.1 Babbles and vocalizes using sound, volume and inflection.  LLD 3.2 Imitates sounds and tones.  LLD 3.3 Shows awareness of separate words in spoken language.  LLD 3.4 Identifies words that have a similar beginning sound.  LLD 3.5 Identifies the beginning and ending sounds of words.  LLD 3.6 Counts syllables in spoken words. Isolates and pronounces the sound of each syllable.  MR 5 Patterns  MR 5.7 Creates or extends increasing or decreasing patterns.
L6 Letter recognition	
L6.1 Recognizes familiar faces L6.2 Shows interest in familiar photos, pictures, and drawings L6.3 Recognizes familiar photos, pictures, drawings L6.4 Recognizes symbols, colors, and shapes L6.5 Points to and names some letters (especially in their own name) L6.6 Recognizes how features of a letter combine to make a specific letter L6.7 Differentiates between letters and other symbols	SED 4 Social Relationships  SED 4.2 Greets and stays near familiar people. Mimics facial expressions of others. Explores people and their features side-by-side in a book or a mirror.  LLD 4 Alphabetic Knowledge  LLD 4.1 Looks for familiar people and objects when given their names.  Babbles or repeats sounds.  LLD 4.2 Identifies a familiar object or person when shown a drawing or photo. Points at words printed on a page and pretends to read aloud.  LLD 4.3 Recognizes the difference between pictures, letters and numbers in print. Recognizes the sound of the first letter in his/her name.  LLD 4.4 Recognizes some common words in print, such as his/her name, mom, dad. Identifies six to seven letters and their sounds.  LLD 4.5 Names all upper- and lowercase letters when presented in random order and identifies at least 15 letter sounds. When shown a two- or three-letter word, can find it in print.

L7 Concepts of print	
L7.1 Explores books by grasping and bringing to mouth to suck and chew L7.2 Attempts to hold board books with both hands L7.3 Turns pages of board books L7.4 Turns book or text right side up L7.5 Identifies front and back of book L7.6 Demonstrates understanding that print has meaning L7.7 Looks at books or shares them from front to back L7.8 Recognizes some parts of a book and conventions of print L7.9 Knows that English print is left to right and top to bottom L7.10 Points to words and attempts to read, or asks, "what does it say?"	LLD 5 Concepts of Print  LLD 5.1 Looks at or points to pictures. Opens and closes books.  LLD 5.2 Identifies a familiar object or person when shown a drawing or photo.  Points at words printed on a page and pretends to read aloud.  LLD 5.3 Identifies the front/back and top/bottom of a book. Indicates where to start reading on each page.  LLD 5.4 Identifies letters, words, spaces and some punctuation. Follows the direction of text.  LLD 5.5 Touches a written word on the page for each spoken word (but not necessarily the correct word). Tracks print from the end of one line to the beginning of the next line.
L8 Comprehension of narrative text	
L8.1 Pays attention to stories read out loud L8.2 Points to or gestures toward characters during reading L8.3 Understands stories read or told L8.4 Talks about, gestures, or points to characters and events during reading or storytelling L8.5 Relates objects in stories to objects in the real world L8.6 Talks about characters and events during reading L8.7 Asks and answers questions during story reading L8.8 Acts out, draws, or describes parts of a story L8.9 Can identify and describe basic information from the text L8.10 Retells important information from a story L8.11 Tells simple stories and experiences about own life L8.12 Responds to and uses vocabulary related to key concepts in the text L8.13 Predicts what will happen next in a story using words or drawings L8.14 Retells a story using a variety of media, materials, and props L8.15 Restates and describes the concepts from the text	LLD 6.1 Interacts by reaching for or patting when a book is read. Holds book and looks intently at each page.  LLD 6.2 Points to pictures and repeats words from familiar stories. Answers "where" questions by pointing.  LLD 6.3 Talks about pictures and ideas in familiar stories. Answers "what" questions about stories and books. Recalls the name of the main character.  LLD 6.4 Anticipates what comes next in familiar stories. Expresses likes or dislikes within the story. Participates with others in the retelling of a story by pointing at pictures or role-playing with props.  LLD 6.5 Relates to the characters or events of the story and shares a similar experience or object from own life. Retells portions of a story. Asks and answers simple questions about characters, setting and events.
Component LLC 14: Writing	
L9 Writing conventions	
L9.1 Grasps and squeezes a toy or object L9.2 Uses hands or feet to make a connection with objects or people L9.3 Coordinates eye and hand movements and has control over grasp L9.4 Uses small muscles to do simple tasks	LLD 7 Writing LLD 7.1 Explores writing materials. LLD 7.2 Makes random marks with writing tools. Make handprints or fingerprints.

L9.5 Attempts to use a variety of writing tools such as crayons and markers

L9.6 Uses scribbles, shapes, or pictures to represent thoughts and ideas

L9.7 Demonstrates interest in writing as a way of communicating

L9.8 Uses letter-like symbols to make letters or words

L9.9 Uses drawing to represent writing

L9.10 Writes own name, and words about things that interest them

L9.11 Understands there are different purposes for writing, such as stories, lists, signs, etc.

L9.12 Uses invented spelling

L9.13 Uses words, pictures, letters, or letter-like symbols to communicate information and ideas, or compose original stories

LLD 7.3 Holds drawing/writing tools with whole hand and may use whole arm to make intentional marks. Scribbles or draws marks as a representation of an object or person.

LLD 7.4 Uses fingers to grasp and manipulate drawing/writing tools with increasing control. Draws lines, circles or shapes and explains who or what they represent.

LLD 7.6 Consistently uses mature tripod grip with drawing/writing tools. Uses inventive spelling to write words that are connected to a given topic or opinion. Draws pictures to support writing.

Mathematics	
Component M1-6: Number Knowledge	
M1 Rote counting	
M1.1 Releases one item to reach for another M1.2 Uses body language to indicate a desire for more M1.3 Imitates use of at least one number word M1.4 Imitates counting M1.5 Recites number words but not necessarily in the correct order M1.6 Recites number words correctly, up to 3 M1.7 Names familiar numerals M1.8 Shows interest in counting or number oriented play, and notices numbers in the environment during free play M1.9 Orders a few objects by size with assistance M1.10 Recites number words in the correct sequence up to 10 M1.11 Recognizes when others make errors in the number word sequence M1.12 Points to objects while reciting number word sequence M1.13 Begins to write number-like forms M1.14 Recites number word aloud, forward, up to at least 29 (allow for some mistakes), without objects M1.15 Recites number words aloud, backward, down from at least 10 without objects M1.16 Is able to name the next number word for numbers up to 9 M1.17 Reads and writes numerals from 0 to 10, with some reversals possible	MR 1 Number Sense  MR 1.1 Hears numbers in everyday context. Hears rote counting. Looks for an object that is taken out of sight.  MR 1.2 Recognizes the numeral one and sees other numerals around the room. Repeats number words when heard. Demonstrates an understanding of one, two and more.  MR 1.3 Recognizes numerals to three. Points to one object at a time while counting (not always in correct order). Creates groups of objects. Adds to and removes from group as prompted.  MR 1.4 Identifies numerals to five. Counts up to ten objects. Creates and counts groups of up to five objects. Removes objects from the group as prompted and recounts.  MR 1.5 Identifies numerals to 10. Solves addition and subtraction problems within ten. Counts up to 20 objects.  MR 1.6 Identifies and writes numerals to 20. Counts to 100 by ones and tens. Counts forward from a given number. Decomposes numbers less than or equal to 10 in more than one way, e.g., 7 = 3 + 4 just as 7 = 2 + 5.

M2 Meaningful Counting	
M2.1 Imitates one to one correspondence M2.2 Correctly uses 1:1 correspondence up to 4 items M2.3 Demonstrates and uses 1:1 correspondence with sets larger than four	MR 1 Number Sense  MR 1.2 Recognizes the numeral one and sees other numerals around the room. Repeats number words when heard. Demonstrates an understanding of one, two and more.  MR 1.4 Identifies numerals to five. Counts up to ten objects. Creates and counts groups of up to five objects. Removes objects from the group as prompted and recounts.  MR 5 Patterns  MR 5.4 Creates and extends two-step patterns.
M3 Cardinality	
M3.1 Responds to request to give a small quantity items (one, two) M3.2 Gives 1 item correctly, upon request M3.3 Gives 2 items or more upon request for 2, inconsistently M3.4 Gives exactly 4 consistently when asked M3.5 Gives 5 or more items correctly and consistently when asked	MR 1 Number Sense  MR 1.2 Recognizes the numeral one and sees other numerals around the room. Repeats number words when heard. Demonstrates an understanding of one, two and more.  MR 1.4 Identifies numerals to five. Counts up to ten objects. Creates and counts groups of up to five objects. Removes objects from the group as prompted and recounts.  LLD 1 Listening  LLD 1.2 Shows understanding of a variety of single familiar words. Points at named objects or body parts. With prompts and gestures, follows a one-step direction.
M4 Ordinality	
M4.1 Identifies first or second item in a sequence, upon request M4.2 Uses terms like first; most; last; before, to refer to ordinal position M4.3 Recognizes that a number can be used to represent a position in a sequence	MR 1 Number Sense  MR 1.4 Identifies numerals to five. Counts up to ten objects. Creates and counts groups of up to five objects. Removes objects from the group as prompted and recounts.  MR 5 Patterns  MR 5.3 Copies patterns with two steps, such as red-blue, red-blue.  MR 5.6 Determines the missing piece of a pattern within a set sequence.  Recognizes simple patterns in the environment.
M5 Comparing numbers and quantities	

M5.1 Grasps one object and reaches for another M5.2 Demonstrates understanding of some descriptive words, such as responding to questions M5.3 Separates a few items into groups using own method such as color, size, etc. M5.4 Nests smaller objects inside larger objects M5.5 Compares two sets of up to 4 objects accurately using terms like more/less; a little/a lot M5.6 Uses terms like more/less; bigger/smaller; a little bit/a lot; to refer to approximate quantities M5.7 Verbally estimates quantities without counting, although inconsistently and allowing for mistakes	MR 1 Number Sense  MR 1.1 Hears numbers in everyday context. Hears rote counting. Looks for an object that is taken out of sight.  MR 1.2 Recognizes the numeral one and sees other numerals around the room. Repeats number words when heard. Demonstrates an understanding of one, two and more.  MR 1.3 Recognizes numerals to three. Points to one object at a time while counting (not always in correct order). Creates groups of objects. Adds to and removes from group as prompted.  MR 4 Measurement  MR 4.4 Uses nonstandard measurement tools to estimate approximate size or volume. Verifies estimation with help.  MR 4.5 Estimates (not always logically) size and volume. Measures and describes findings.  MR 6 Classification  MR 6.3 Sort objects by one feature, such as size or color. Groups objects by common characteristics.
M6 Relation and operations	
M6.1 Notices when the quantity of a set of up to 4 objects has increased or decreased M6.2 States the number that comes next or before up to 5 M6.3 Understands that a quantity changes (increases or decreases) when a set of objects is added to/subtracted from (respectively) M6.4 States the number that comes next or before up to 10 M6.5 Understands that the quantity of a set of (more than 4) objects has been changed M6.6 Without recounting, can add one more to a set, even when the set isn't visible after counting M6.7 Demonstrates ability to combine and separate items within a small set without changing the total number in the set (up to 5) M6.8 Uses simple physical strategies to combine or separate sets	MR 1 Number Sense  MR 1.3 Recognizes numerals to three. Points to one object at a time while counting (not always in correct order). Creates groups of objects. Adds to and removes from group as prompted.  MR 1.4 Identifies numerals to five. Counts up to ten objects. Creates and counts groups of up to five objects. Removes objects from the group as prompted and recounts.  MR 1.5 Identifies numerals to 10. Solves addition and subtraction problems within ten. Counts up to 20 objects.  MR 5 Patterns  MR 5.6 Determines the missing piece of a pattern within a set sequence. Recognizes simple patterns in the environment.
Component M7: Measurement	
M7 Measurement	
M7.1 Experiments with "full" and "empty" M7.2 Orders a few objects by size with assistance M7.3 Brings objects closer together to compare them	MR 2 Spatial Awareness MR 2.2 Purposely turns or spins objects. Follows simple positional directions such as on/off, over/under and up/down. Fills container then dumps out the

M7.4 Imitates using an object to measure another object M7.5 Identifies which of two small sets (less than 4) is more upon request M7.6 Uses language to describe "full" and "empty" M7.7 Shows understanding of measurement terms (longer/shorter, taller/shorter, fullest, farthest, closest) M7.8 Uses terms like more/less; a little bit; a lot; to refer to continuous properties like water, sand, height M7.9 Compares and orders more than two items in some way M7.10 Uses comparison vocabulary (longer/shorter, taller/shorter, farthest/closest)	contents.  MR 4 Measurement  MR 4.2 Explores size and weight of objects in relation to self.  MR 4.3 Determines which object is bigger (heavier, longer) when given two objects.  MR 4.4 Uses nonstandard measurement tools to estimate approximate size or volume. Verifies estimation with help.  MR 4.5 Estimates (not always logically) size and volume. Measures and describes findings.
Component M8: Patterns	
M8 Repeating patterns	
M8.1 Anticipates familiar routines M8.2 Carries out familiar routines M8.3 Follows a familiar simple pattern (sound, body movement sequence like Patty Cake) M8.4 Follows an unfamiliar simple pattern (sound, body, color, size, movement) M8.5 Recognizes repeating patterns M8.6 Copies existing pattern with same materials M8.7 Extends a simple pattern with the same materials M8.8 Uses words or pictures to describe a simple pattern M8.9 Applies a simple pattern rule to different materials or mode (sound, body, color, size, movement) M8.10 Copies complex patterns with same materials M8.11 Applies a complex pattern rule using different materials or mode (sound, body, color, size, movement)	SED 3 Attention & Persistence SED 3.2 Participates in daily routines or familiar activities. Attends to what others are looking at or pointing to.  MR 5 Patterns MR 5.1 Plays predictable activities with caregivers such as pat-a-cake and peekaboo. MR 5.2 Attempts to mimic vocal and physical patterns. MR 5.3 Copies patterns with two steps, such as red-blue, red-blue. MR 5.4 Creates and extends two-step patterns. MR 5.5 Creates and extends three- and four-step patterns and plays complex memory games. MR 5.6 Determines the missing piece of a pattern within a set sequence. Recognizes simple patterns in the environment.
Component M9-11: Geometry and Spatial Thinking	
M9 Knowledge and visualization of shapes	
M9.1 Shows interest in shapes M9.2 Begins to recognize 2 dimensional (2D) and 3 dimensional (3D) shapes such as circles, spheres, squares, and cubes, such as by sorting or puzzle pieces M9.3 Points to familiar 2D and 3D shapes (circle, spheres, squares, cubes, triangles) when asked, thereby showing recognition of shape names	MR 2 Spatial Awareness MR 2.1 Plays with objects and toys that are a variety of shapes. Participates as caregiver raises arms or legs and says up/down. Tries to put one object inside another. MR 2.6 Identifies 2D and 3D shapes regardless of orientation. Makes simple maps or models to represent the location of objects. Creates complex shapes

M9.4 Recognizes geometric shapes in the environment M9.5 Begins to describe the features (attributes) that define 2D and #D shapes, including sides and corners M9.6 Puts together (composes) and takes apart (decomposes) shapes M9.7 Composes and decomposes shapes/ constructions with increasing complexity	by putting together or taking apart other shapes.  MR 3 Shapes  MR 3.1 Manipulates objects that are a variety of shapes.  MR 3.4 Identifies four to six basic geometric shapes.  MR 3.5 Describes basic and complex two- and three-dimensional shapes using own words.  MR 3.6 Describes objects in the environment as two- and three-dimensional shapes.
M10 Transformations and symmetry	
M10.1 Attends and responds to moving objects and sounds, relative to themselves M10.2 Develops increasing ability to change positions and move body from place to place M10.3 Demonstrates awareness of relationship between over and under, up and down, in and out M10.4 Adjusts position and movement of own body relative to objects M10.5 Explores how objects fit together in space M10.6 Rotates objects to fit through holes M10.7 Rotates, flips, or turns an object to fit once they realize object doesn't fit a defined space M10.8 Puts together (composes) and takes apart (decomposes) shapes to create new shapes M10.9 Recognizes and creates shapes that have symmetry M10.10 Shows awareness that an object needs to be rotated, flipped, or turned before trying to fit the object into a hole or puzzle	MR 2 Spatial Awareness  MR 2.1 Plays with objects and toys that are a variety of shapes. Participates as caregiver raises arms or legs and says up/down. Tries to put one object inside another.  MR 2.2 Purposely turns or spins objects. Follows simple positional directions such as on/off, over/under and up/down. Fills container then dumps out the contents.  MR 2.3 Recognizes objects that are upside-down and turns them right-side up. Finds or places objects next to, between, in front of or behind self. Puts together three pieces to create a whole object.  MR 2.7 Matches 2D to 3D shapes. Recognizes symmetry. Gives and follows positional instructions to find objects. Builds complex shapes from simpler shapes. Splits shapes into four equal parts.  MR 4 Measurement  MR 4.2 Explores size and weight of objects in relation to self
M11 Location, spatial relationships and landmark use	
M11.1 Shows preference for familiar toys M11.2 Recognizes familiar objects from different vantage points M11.3 With verbal cues, uses simple maps to relate to real-world M11.4 Uses terms like near/far; under; below; front; middle; end M11.5 Uses a simple map of a visible area to locate placement M11.6 Recognizes and describes position of objects in space with greater accuracy M11.7 Draws a simple map M11.8 Matches 2 dimensional (2D) map with surrounding 3 dimensional (3D) layout Include this: (involves transformation, scale, dimension, and orientation distance)	MR 2 Spatial Awareness  MR 2.1 Plays with objects and toys that are a variety of shapes. Participates as caregiver raises arms or legs and says up/down. Tries to put one object inside another.  MR 2.3 Recognizes objects that are upside-down and turns them right-side up. Finds or places objects next to, between, in front of or behind self. Puts together three pieces to create a whole object.  MR 2.5 Identifies and corrects the orientation of familiar objects and symbols. Explains the location of an object in relation to another object. Assembles a puzzle without using a guide.  MR 2.6 Identifies 2D and 3D shapes regardless of orientation. Makes simple

	maps or models to represent the location of objects. Creates complex shapes by putting together or taking apart other shapes.				
Component M-12: Data Analysis					
M12 Sorting					
M12.1 Recognizes differences among people and among different objects M12.2 Matches items based on attributes meaningful to the child M12.3 Explores sorting M12.4 Imitates sorting M12.5 Sorts objects based on an observable attribute 12.6 Demonstrates understanding that attributes are measurable M12.7 Describes the attribute used for sorting or comparing M12.8 While sorting, can make a shift to change the attribute being used to sort and describe the new sorting attribute	MR 6 Classification  MR 6.1 Recognizes familiar people and objects. Recognizes self as being separate from others.  MR 6.2 When shown one object, finds the match. Identifies and names familiar people, characters and animals.  MR 6.3 Sort objects by one feature, such as size or color. Groups objects by common characteristics.  MR 6.4 After sorting objects by one feature, sorts again by a different feature.  MR 6.5 Sorts objects by more than one feature and explains why.				
M13 Collects, classifies, and organizes information					
M13.1 Participates in simple data collection discussed by an adult or other child M13.2 Collects information by one or more attribute M13.3 Participates as group member in the collection of data that is put on a chart or graph M13.4 Sorts information by one or more attribute M13.5 Independently collects data to put on a chart or graph	MR 6 Classification  MR 6.5 Sorts objects by more than one feature and explains why.  MR 6.6 Identifies, sorts and classifies objects by at least two features.  MR 6.8 Uses graphs and charts to represent data sorted in up to four categories.				
M14 Describes data					
M14.1 Identifies patterns, differences, or similarities of information collected M14.2 Uses language to describe those patterns, differences or similarities of data M14.3 Uses language to compare data M14.4 Uses data to answer questions and solve problems M14.5 Discusses, compares and makes sense of collected data	MR 5 Patterns MR 5.5 Creates and extends three- and four-step patterns and plays complex memory games. MR 6 Classification MR 6.6 Identifies, sorts and classifies objects by at least two features. MR 6.7 Answers questions about data or objects sorted in up to three categories.				

## **Social Systems**

Component SS1-2: Community, People and Relationships	
SS1 Self Identity in the community	
SS1.1 Shows a preference for familiar adults SS1.2 Expresses feeling and emotions through gestures, facial expressions and sounds SS1.3 Demontates preference for favorite toys, clothing and activities SS1.4 Begins to explore the physical characteristics that make an individual unique SS1.5 Asks questions about similarities and differences in other people in the community SS1.6 Describes their role(s) within the family and familiar environment SS1.7 Identifies similarities and differences in people SS1.8 Identifies self as a part of the family, spiritual group, culture, community, and/or other group to which the family belongs. SS1.9 Demonstrates an understanding that families vary SS1.10 Identifies some family traditions and customs	SED 4 Social Relationships SED 4.2 Greets and stays near familiar people. Mimics facial expressions of others. Explores people and their features side-by-side in a book or a mirror.  SS 1 Culture and Community SS 1.1 Recognizes family members and is exposed to family traditions or cultural events. SS 1.3 Recognizes familiar symbols or artifacts of family traditions or customs. Identifies differences between self and others. SS 1.4 Describes the routines, familiar stories, traditions, foods and celebrations of own family and community. Describes family and community members, their roles and their relationship to self. SS 1.6 Explains the meaning and importance of traditions and customs of other people. Explains how individuals, families and cultures differ. Compares roles, rules and responsibilities of different groups.
SS2 Civics	
SS2.1 Makes wants and needs known SS2.2 Shows interest in stories and songs SS2.3 Develops an expectation and understanding of routines within a familiar environment SS2.4 Shows interest in other children and objects SS2.5 Demonstrates an understanding of the expectations in a familiar environment SS2.6 Describes different roles of people in the community SS2.7 With modeling and support, follows classroom rules and routines SS2.8 Practices the ways groups make choices and decisions with support SS2.9 Demonstrates an understanding of rules and why they are important SS2.10 Participates in a variety of roles in the early childhood environment SS2.11 Demonstrates awareness of familiar jobs and what's needed to perform them	SS 1 Culture and Community SS 1.4 Describes the routines, familiar stories, traditions, foods and celebrations of own family and community. Describes family and community members, their roles and their relationship to self. SS 1.5 Explains the meaning and importance of own traditions and customs. Begins to learn about other cultures. Identifies roles and responsibilities of self and others to contribute to the community. SS 2 Civics and Economics SS 2.1 Attends to others in immediate environment. Grasps and releases objects. SS 2.2 Participates in communal activities. Expresses a desire for an object or action. Says me, mine. SS 2.3 Recognizes and attends to authority figures. Recognizes ownership of familiar objects. SS 2.4 Follows familiar rules and helps make group decisions. Asks before taking an object that does not belong to self. Offers a toy or object to another person. SS 2.5 Applies familiar rules and suggests new rules in a variety of situations. Explores the use of trade to receive objects or services.

Components SS3-4: Change Over Time	
SS3 Personal history	
S3.1 Participates in physical care routines S3.2 Notices sequence of a daily routine S3.3 Begins to use language about time S3.4 Notices age and size differences between self and others S3.5 Notices change in a daily routine S3.6 Uses language to recall events in time ("yesterday," "today", "tomorrow" "when I was a baby," "last time") S3.7 Begins to see self placed in time between older and younger family members and friends S3.8 Demonstrates an understanding of chronological order concepts in reference to a specific event S3.9 Talks about recent family or friend events and their impact on self S3.10 Uses language to recall and anticipate events in time with increasing understanding and accuracy S3.11 Compares self to older and younger family members and friends with specific examples S3.12 Describes a chronological order in a series of familiar events S3.13 Reflects on the impact of past, present and some future events on self and family	SED 2 Self-Regulation SED 2.3 Experiments and role-plays with a range of emotions. Recognizes when the typical routine is not followed and identifies the change. SS 1 Culture and Community SS 1.3 Recognizes familiar symbols or artifacts of family traditions or customs. Identifies differences between self and others. SS 4 History and Sense of Time SS 4.1 Focuses on interactions with others for a short time. SS 4.2 Observes events and begins to participate. SS 4.3 Describes events as they happen. Uses words such as first, then. SS 4.4 Recalls information and events from the past. SS 4.5 Uses language of time to describe familiar sequences of events. SS 4.6 Retells historical, fictional or past events or stories. LLD 2 Communication LLD 2.5 Speaks in simple complete sentences. Uses question words. Includes technical words and asks what unfamiliar words mean. Tells stories and engages in conversations through multiple exchanges.
SS4 Family narratives and traditions	
SS4.1 Recognizes familiar people and toys or objects SS4.2 Demonstrates curiosity about family and culture SS4.3 Shares stories about family, culture and traditions SS4.4 Asks more questions about families and culture to build deeper understanding SS4.5 Compares own cultural traditions with others to understand similarities and differences	SED 4 Social Relationships  SED 4.2 Greets and stays near familiar people. Mimics facial expressions of others. Explores people and their features side-by-side in a book or a mirror.  SS 1 Culture and Community  SS 1.1 Recognizes family members and is exposed to family traditions or cultural events.  SS 1.4 Describes the routines, familiar stories, traditions, foods and celebrations of own family and community. Describes family and community members, their roles and their relationship to self.  SS 1.5 Explains the meaning and importance of own traditions and customs. Begins to learn about other cultures. Identifies roles and responsibilities of self and others to contribute to the community.  SS 1.6 Explains the meaning and importance of traditions and customs of other people. Explains how individuals, families and cultures differ. Compares roles, rules and responsibilities of different groups.

	SS 1.7 Compares diverse cultures and traditions. Understands that some people have different needs or beliefs.			
Components SS5-6: Environment				
SS5 Conservation				
SS5.1 Helps to put away toys or throw out trash SS5.2 Participates in self-care routines SS5.3 With modeling and support begins to explore conversation concepts such as reducing, reusing, and recycling SS5.4 Begins to practice responsible consumption and conservation of natural and physical resources SS5.5 With support, participates in community conservation activities (playground clean up, etc.)	PD 4 Personal Care PD 4.2 Recognizes the difference between dirty and clean. Points to body parts when prompted. Participates in taking care of some personal needs, such as feeding self. PD 4.3 With help, participates in healthy habits and healthcare routines. Names body parts. Describes basic personal needs SCI 2 Natural and Earth Science SCI 2.6 Describes how living things obtain what they need to survive. Groups living things by similar features. Explains that different places have disparate kinds of weather and climates. SS 3 Geography SS 3.7 Identifies and describes various types of landforms and natural resources. Locates familiar places on maps. Uses cardinal directions to follow and give directions. SS 2 Civics and Economics SS 2.6 Discusses the purposes of rules, laws and civic leaders. Participates in voting to make decisions. Exchanges money, goods or services for other goods or services.			
SS6 Physical characteristics of community				
SS6.1 Begins pretend play with blocks, dolls, and other toys SS6.2 Explores physical environments where people live, work, and play SS6.3 Identifies and describes significant objects and places in familiar environments SS6.4 Begins to use geographical language to identify features of familiar environments (hills, rivers, etc.) SS6.5 Uses tools to represent immediate environment	SS 1 Culture & Community SS 1.1 Recognizes family members and is exposed to family traditions or cultural events. SS 1.3 Recognizes familiar symbols or artifacts of family traditions or customs Identifies differences between self and others SS 3 Geography SS 3.4 Identifies different types of water bodies, streets, buildings and landmarks in own community. Recognizes symbols and landmarks. SS 3.5 Explains the purpose for different types of structures, such as bridges and buildings. Asks questions about landmarks. Identifies what is represented on a map. Draws pictures of current location.			

Components SS7: Economics	
SS7 Economic reasoning	
SS7.1 Participates in turn taking activities with support SS7.2 Asks for needs to be met SS7.3 Explores the exchange of goods SS7.4 Participates in turn taking with increasing independence SS7.5 Describes basic needs for living things SS7.6 Begins to understand the use of trade or money to obtain goods and services SS7.7 Negotiates and shares with other children during play SS7.8 Begins to label individual needs and wants with support SS7.9 Identifies goods and services that could meet a specific need or want	SED 4 Social Relationships  SED 4.5 Initiates play with one or more persons. Offers to help others. Identifies roles of self and others during tasks or pretend play. Asks questions about how others feel, live, eat, play and believe.  PD 4 Personal Care  PD 4.3 With help, participates in healthy habits and healthcare routines. Names body parts. Describes basic personal needs.  SS 2 Civics and Economics  SS 2.2 Participates in communal activities. Expresses a desire for an object or action. Says me, mine.  SS 2.3 Recognizes and attends to authority figures. Recognizes ownership of familiar objects.  SS 2.4 Follows familiar rules and helps make group decisions. Asks before taking an object that does not belong to self. Offers a toy or object to another person.  SS 2.6 Discusses the purposes of rules, laws and civic leaders. Participates in voting to make decisions. Exchanges money, goods or services for other goods or services.
Components SS8: Technology	
SS8 Digital citizenship	
SS8.1 Witt support, explores all tools, including digital tools, to enhance learning SS8.2 Knows when, how, and why to use a variety of tools for learning including digital technology SS8.3 With support, engages in responsible use of all tools including digital technology	SCI 4 Technology SCI 4.4 Explores simple machines and interacts with simple electronic and screen toys. SCI 4.5 Experiments with simple technology to solve problems or accomplish tasks. SCI 4.6 Uses familiar tools and technology to produce a desired result or solve a specific problem.

### **Scientific Thinking**

Components ST1-2: Discover	
ST1 Observe and question	
ST1.1 Observes and responds to external stimuli ST1.2 Indicates surprise, curiosity, or hesitancy when presented with unfamiliar items, people, situations ST1.3 Indicates interest by looking, pointing or verbalizing ST1.4 Asks questions readily ST1.5 Notices differences or similarities among materials, objects and phenomena ST1.6 Uses experiences to stimulate questions ST1.7 Verbally identifies obvious differences and similarities ST1.8 Expresses curiosity and/or formulates questions of complex concepts	SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry SCI 1.1 Looks for a person or toy that has moved out of sight. Reacts to changes. SCI 2.2 Asks one- to two-word questions. Uses senses to explore environment SCI 1.4 Observes and describes changes that occur to familiar objects and people. When given a question, guesses a possible answer or outcome. Uses past knowledge to explain observed changes. SCI 1.5 Asks questions or shows curiosity about scientific phenomenon. Predicts a few outcomes. Explores and records observations by drawing. Describes and compares observations. SCI 3 Physical Science SCI 3.1 Uses senses to explore objects in immediate environment. Kicks feet or shakes arms to make other objects move.
ST2 Investigate	
ST2.1 Explores people and objects using senses ST2.2 Seeks out and explores objects and items with apparent interest ST2.3 Begins using objects as tools ST2.4 Engages with objects of interest – whether familiar or new- for extended periods of time ST2.5 Explores properties of objects/materials to gain understanding ST2.6 Identifies and uses some tools for their intended purpose ST2.7 Seeks to gain additional knowledge in areas of interests ST2.8 Explores with the intention of finding out something specific ST2.9 Uses many tools as designed ST2.10 Starts with a useful, general approach to investigation even if details may be lacking ST2.11 Uses discernment to inform exploration ST2.12 Uses tools in new and novel ways	SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry SCI 1.1 Looks for a person or toy that has moved out of sight. Reacts to changes. SCI 1.3 Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others. SCI 3 Physical Science SCI 3.1 Uses senses to explore objects in immediate environment. Kicks feet or shakes arms to make other objects move. SCI 3.2 Reacts to changes in texture, smell, sound or sight. Uses body to push or pull toys. SCI 4 Technology SCI 4.3 Explores movable parts on toys and tools. Uses on and off switches.
Component ST3-4: Act	
ST3 Experiment	
ST3.1 Demonstrates recognition of familiar items, people, and situations	SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry

ST3.2 Persists in looking for missing object(s) ST3.3 Demonstrates willingness to try new things ST3.4 Uses simple strategies to carry out ideas ST3.5 Demonstrates ability to focus on one element of a situation ST3.6 Persists in actions or attempts to affect environment or objects ST3.7 Approaches situations with intent to achieve a simple outcome ST3.8 Uses a variety of strategies to carry out ideas ST3.9 Demonstrates ability to focus on multiple elements of a situation ST3.10 Demonstrates resilience in trial and error process ST3.11 Makes a simple plan in advance to see what will happen ST3.12 Uses a greater variety of strategies to carry out ideas ST3.13 Attempts to make a prediction of an expected outcome ST3.14 Makes a plan in advance with an intended outcome ST3.15 Demonstrates awareness that different circumstances, materials and variables impact strategies and outcomes ST3.16 Makes a prediction when prompted ST3.17 Changes a plan or refines actions when outcome is not as expected	SCI 1.1 Looks for a person or toy that has moved out of sight. Reacts to changes.  SCI 1.2 Asks one- to two-word questions. Uses senses to explore environment.  SCI 1.3 Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others. SCI 1.5 Asks questions or shows curiosity about scientific phenomenon. Predicts a few outcomes. Explores and records observations by drawing. Describes and compares observations.  SCI 1.6 Predicts multiple outcomes to a question or situation and explains personal reasoning. Gathers information or experiments to prove/disprove a hypothesis.  MR 7 Logic & Reasoning  MR 7.2 Experiments with cause and effect.
ST4 Evaluate	
ST4.1 Shows a preference for certain materials, people or situations ST4.2 Indicates surprise when outcome is not as expected ST4.3 Associates objects that belong together ST4.4 Asks "what happened?" or "where did it go?" as a result of an experiment ST4.5 Recognizes obvious differences among like objects ST4.6 Makes guesses at possible explanations or conclusions ST4.7 Describes all parts of an outcome by comparing, sorting, classifying and/or organizing ST4.8 Open to more than one solution or answer to a problem ST4.9 Begins to rely on or expect evidence, things seen or experienced directly, as reasons for results obtained ST4.10 Offers critique of an experience based on examination of outcomes ST4.11 Sees outcomes as the result of one's behavior or actions ST4.12 Reflects upon evidence and draws reasonable conclusions using data gathered	SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry SCI 1.3 Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others. SCI 1.6 Predicts multiple outcomes to a question or situation and explains personal reasoning. Gathers information or experiments to prove/disprove a hypothesis. SCI 3 Physical Science SCI 3.2 Reacts to changes in texture, smell, sound or sight. Uses body to push or pull toys. SCI 3.6 Experiments and compares the movements of various objects on a variety of surfaces. Classifies and sorts materials by a variety of physical properties. MR 7 Logic & Reasoning MR 7.2 Experiments with cause and effect.
Component ST5-6: Integrate	
Component 313-0. Integrate	

- ST5.1 Vocalizes in response to stimuli or individual needs
- ST5.2 Seeks out/initiates interactions from others in service of own needs
- ST5.3 Uses gestures, body language or a few words to express emotions related to an activity, person or experience
- ST5.4 Invites others to observe actions and results
- ST5.5 Describes details associated with an experience such as materials, possible causes and effects
- ST5.6 Listens to others ideas and points of view
- ST5.7 Shares stories and related experiences with others unprompted
- ST5.8 Scribbles or draws to show and/or share ideas
- ST5.9 Verbally expresses ideas/thought process
- ST5.10 Seeks input from others regarding an experience
- ST5.11 Verbalizes possible explanations for an outcome
- ST5.12 Uses drawing, writing, models, or other creative expressions to present ideas
- ST5.13 Retells/describes own actions in process of experimenting
- ST5.14 Talks with others about questions, actions, ideas, observations or results
- ST5.15 Articulates and shares aloud explanations based on reasoning and evidence
- ST5.16 Uses more detailed drawing, writing, models, or creative expressions to present ideas

#### **LLD 1 Listening**

LLD 1.3 Shows understanding of a wide variety of phrases and sentences. Responds to simple statements and questions. Follows related two-step directions given verbally.

#### **LLD 2 Communication**

- LLD 2.3 Says two- to four-word sentences and repeats short phrases. Identifies familiar people, places and objects. Asks what a specific person or object is called. Communicates needs, desires and ideas.
- LLD 2.5 Speaks in simple complete sentences. Uses question words. Includes technical words and asks what unfamiliar words mean. Tells stories and engages in conversations through multiple exchanges.
- LLD 2.6 Speaks audibly. Uses plural nouns and common prepositions. Uses new or technical words learned in conversations or through reading. Compares words and their meanings. Explains personal thoughts.

#### LLD 7 Writing

LLD 7.3 Holds drawing/writing tools with whole hand and may use whole arm to make intentional marks. Scribbles or draws marks as a representation of an object or person.

#### **SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry**

- SCI 1.3 Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others SCI 1.5 Asks questions or shows curiosity about scientific phenomenon. Predicts a few outcomes. Explores and records observations by drawing. Describes and compares observations.
- SCI 1.7 Inquires about a phenomenon, makes a prediction based on prior knowledge and gathered information. Records findings in charts or diagrams. Explains his/her problem-solving strategy.

#### ST6 Apply

- ST6.1 Finds comfort in familiar people and objects
- ST6.2 Revisits and builds on past experiences
- ST6.3 Generalizes knowledge gained from one situation to another
- ST6.4 Recognizes relevant attributes to inform the development of a rule
- ST6.5 Recalls and uses information in new/ different experiences
- ST6.6 Generates new and more complex questions
- ST6.7 Uses prior experience to identify details that may be relevant
- ST6.8 Compares findings to predictions or expected results
- ST6.9 Identify what to look for, measure, or test to answer questions
- ST6.10 Develops and applies rules
- ST6.11 Determines approach to situation, problem or challenge based on

#### SED 2 Self-Regulation

SED 2.1 Calms with support from caregiver. Responds as caregiver takes care of his/her needs. Reacts to changes in routine.

#### SS 4 History & Sense of Time

SS 4.4 Recalls information and events from the past.

#### MR 4 Measurement

MR 4.6 Makes logical estimates and uses measurement tools to check estimation.

#### MR 7 Logic and Reasoning

MR 7.2 Experiments with cause and effect.

previous experience	MR 7.5 Uses previous knowledge to determine which solution to try first when solving a problem.  SCI 1 Investigation and Inquiry  SCI 1.4 Observes and describes changes that occur to familiar objects and people. When given a question, guesses a possible answer or outcome. Uses past knowledge to explain observed changes.					
	SCI 3 Physical Science SCI 3.6 Experiments and compares the movements of various objects on a variety of surfaces. Classifies and sorts materials by a variety of physical properties.					



# Developmental Continuum of Skills

Individual children develop at a unique pace.			Infant	Toddler	F	Preschool / Pre-K		Young School-Age		
	Skill / Skill Code	Benchmark 1	Benchmark 2	Benchmark 3	Benchmark 4	Benchmark 5	Benchmark 6	Benchmark 7	Benchmark 8	
relopment (Mill)	SED 1 Self-Awareness	Explores self and others by using senses.	Recognizes self in photos or in a mirror.	Expresses likes and dislikes. Expresses simple ideas about self in relation to others such as family.	When given two to three options, chooses his/her most desired option.	Describes and compares preferences of self and others.	Negotiates to attain personal preference in a situation.	Predicts how self and others might feel in a variety of situations and explains why.	Demonstrates an understanding that each person is unique and has his/her own thoughts, feelings and preferences.	
Social & Emotional Development	SED 2 Self-Regulation	Calms with support from caregiver. Responds as caregiver takes care of his/her needs. Reacts to changes in routine.	Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self by seeking a familiar adult or thing. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers.	Experiments and role- plays with a range of emotions. Recognizes when the typical routine is not followed and identifies the change.	Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders. With support, negotiates ways to handle nonroutine transitions.	Names some personal feelings and uses strategies to manage behavior. Anticipates a change in routine and begins to prepare self by finding a desired thing or person.	Identifies and explains personal feelings. Describes appropriate responses to different emotions. Transitions from one activity to the next and helps others through the transition.	Anticipates an emotional response that may result from a given situation. Describes strategies to adjust and calm oneself in new or stressful situations.	Applies strategies for managing own emotions and behaviors. Adapts to new situations quickly and with minimal stress.	
	SED 3 Attention & Persistence	Focuses for a short time on a person, sound or thing. Shifts attention from one person or thing to another.	Participates in daily routines or familiar activities. Attends to what others are looking at or pointing to.	Focuses on an engaging activity for a short period of time independently or with an adult. Asserts a desire to start or end an activity. Asks for help as needed.	Initiates an activity and seeks help to complete it. Practices or repeats an activity many times until successful.	Sustains focus for at least five minutes, persisting even if there are problems or distractions. Independently completes a familiar activity.	Sustains focus for at least 10 minutes even if there are distractions. Takes care of own needs and personal belongings.	Sustains focus for at least 30 minutes even if there are distractions. Shows respect for others' personal space and belongings.	Sustains focus for 45 minutes even if there are distractions. Takes care of self or another while considering the needs of the greater group.	
	SED 4 Social Relationships	Responds to primary caregivers through eye contact and gentle touch. Adjusts behavior according to emotional or facial response of a familiar person. Enjoys turn-taking games such as peekaboo.	Greets and stays near familiar people. Mimics facial expressions of others. Explores people and their features side-by-side in a book or a mirror.	Identifies and plays side-by-side with a new or familiar person. Demonstrates concern for someone who is sad. Identifies differences between self and others. Participates in an activity when asked.	Participates in group with those different than self. Asks adult to help solve problems. Explains why someone may be happy or sad.	Initiates play with one or more persons. Offers to help others. Identifies roles of self and others during tasks or pretend play. Asks questions about how others feel, live, eat, play and believe.	Describes friendships and meaningful relationships. Suggests solutions to group problems. Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly.	Describes how to build positive relationships. Explains how roles within groups change over time. Shows empathy to those who are sad, lonely or discouraged.	Describes different types of relationships. Works collaboratively in group and encourages others to include or help another person. Demonstrates respect for people who may look or act differently.	

Individual children develop at a unique pace.		Infant	Toddler		Preschool / Pre-K		Young School-	Age	
	Skill / Skill Code	Benchmark 1	Benchmark 2	Benchmark 3	Benchmark 4	Benchmark 5	Benchmark 6	Benchmark 7	Benchmark 8
Physical Development 🕲	PD 1 Gross Motor	Sits independently and pulls self into a standing position. Kicks or grabs from a seated or lying position.	Walks and climbs. Carries, drags, kicks and tosses objects.	Runs and balances on a wide beam. Throws objects in an intended direction. Catches objects against body.	Balances and hops on one foot. Throws both overhand and underhand. Catches or kicks moving objects.	Hops from one foot to the other. Begins to skip. Coordinates multiple movements in simple sequences.	Skips confidently, gallops and slides side to side. Changes direction and speed of movement.	Balances on a variety of objects. Kicks or strikes moving objects with aim and accuracy. Leaps. Stops at a boundary.	Uses conditioning methods to strengthen muscles and increase endurance. Coordinates multiple complex movements in continuous play.
Physical D	PD 2 Fine Motor	Reaches for objects in sight. Uses arms or legs to make contact with an object.	Purposefully grasps objects with finger and thumb. Uses hands to accomplish tasks such as feeding self.	Opens, closes, twists and pulls objects with one or both hands.	Manipulates objects with hands doing different things. Snips with scissors. Begins to string large beads.	Follows a straight line when cutting and drawing. Buttons, zips, buckles and laces.	Follows an outline with scissors. Ties shoes and dresses self.	Threads small beads. Stacks small objects. Uses scissors to cut more challenging materials, e.g., fabric, cardstock.	Beads, grasps and stacks objects of all sizes with speed and accuracy.
	PD 3 Safety	Expresses distress when needs are not met.	Responds to possible dangers in environment and avoids them when prompted.	Follows simple safety rules.	Seeks opportunities to help others. Tries to solve own social problems.	Describes reasons for safety rules and reminds others to follow them.	Applies general safety rules to a variety of everyday situations with little prompting.	Identifies emergency situations and how to behave accordingly. Describes how to get help.	Takes appropriate initiative in dangerous and emergency situations.
	PD 4 Personal Care	Receives appropriate healthcare from caregivers. Responds when physical needs are not met.	Recognizes the difference between dirty and clean. Points to body parts when prompted. Participates in taking care of some personal needs, such as feeding self.	With help, participates in healthy habits and healthcare routines. Names body parts. Describes basic personal needs.	Describes the function of basic body parts. Regulates toileting and handwashing needs. Follows a routine of rest and active play. Meets most personal needs and understands that all people have needs.	Explains how germs spread and describes simple strategies for preventing the spread. Recognizes that all living things have similar basic needs. Distinguishes between needs and wants.	Regulates personal needs for nutrition, activity and rest with few reminders. When feeling sick, describes symptoms. Recognizes the difference between contagious and noncommunicable diseases.	Explains the importance of nutrition, exercise and rest in maintaining wellness. Maintains personal hygiene with few reminders.	Explains how feeling well is related to proper nutrition, exercise and rest. Describes how to deal with health concerns of self and others.
	PD 5 Nutrition	Cries when hungry or tired.	Communicates when hungry, thirsty or tired. Feeds self some finger foods.	Anticipates the need to eat, rest and drink. Feeds self soft foods with spoon or other utensil.	Identifies food and serves a portion into bowl or plate. Feeds self.	Identifies food groups and sorts food. Chooses between two appropriate food options.	Identifies food that is nutritious. Helps to prepare food for others.	Describes what happens after consumption of food.	Describes the functions of basic organs.

Individual children develop at a unique pace.		Infant	Toddler		Preschool / Pre-K		Young School-	Age	
	Skill / Skill Code Benchmark 1		Benchmark 2	Benchmark 3	Benchmark 4	Benchmark 5	Benchmark 6	Benchmark 7	Benchmark 8
Language & Literacy Development 🛅	LLD 1 Listening	Turns head toward the person speaking and makes gestures and/ or vocalizations in response. Responds to conversation in environment and imitates actions.	Shows understanding of a variety of single familiar words. Points at named objects or body parts. With prompts and gestures, follows a one-step direction.	Shows understanding of a wide variety of phrases and sentences. Responds to simple statements and questions. Follows related two-step directions given verbally.	Shows understanding of some complex vocabulary. Asks what objects are called. Listens to a story or request then responds appropriately. Follows unrelated two-step directions given verbally.	Listens and understands inferred requests. For example, child gathers more playdough in response to a verbal prompt to help build a larger playdough ball. Follows multi-step directions given verbally.	Shows understanding of a series of complex statements that explain how or why. Asks and answers general questions about information or stories shared verbally.	Asks or answers specific questions about key details from information or stories shared verbally. Remembers and follows previous rules or directions shared verbally.	Listens to gather information. Asks questions to clarify or deepen understanding. Recalls key ideas shared verbally. Responds to verbal statements that have implied directions or requests.
	LLD 2 Communication	Mimics single sounds. Uses vocalizations and gestures to communicate.	Says one- to two-word sentences. Repeats words heard frequently in environment. Uses a few words and word-like sounds to communicate.	Says two- to four-word sentences and repeats short phrases. Identifies familiar people, places and objects. Asks what a specific person or object is called. Communicates needs, desires and ideas.	Speaks in sentences but does not follow grammatical rules. Describes familiar people, places and objects Asks simple questions and stays on topic for two to three exchanges.	Speaks in simple complete sentences. Uses question words. Includes technical words and asks what unfamiliar words mean. Tells stories and engages in conversations through multiple exchanges.	Speaks audibly. Uses plural nouns and common prepositions. Uses new or technical words learned in conversations or through reading. Compares words and their meanings. Explains personal thoughts.	Communicates by using simple and compound sentences. Uses verb tenses. Identifies words with similar meaning. Stays on topic while talking and sharing ideas and feelings.	Communicates using conjugated verbs. Uses expression and tone to communicate meaning. Explains the difference between two closely related words.
	LLD 3 Phonological Awareness	Babbles and vocalizes using sound, volume and inflection.	lmitates sounds and tones.	Shows awareness of separate words in spoken language.	Identifies words that have a similar beginning sound.	Identifies the beginning and ending sounds of words.	Counts syllables in spoken words. Isolates and pronounces the sound of each syllable.	Identifies and isolates individual sounds heard in one-syllable words.	Manipulates, substitutes and deletes sounds in words.
	LLD 4 Alphabetic Knowledge	Looks for familiar people and objects when given their names. Babbles or repeats sounds.	Identifies a familiar object or person when shown a drawing or photo. Points at words printed on a page and pretends to read aloud.	Recognizes the difference between pictures, letters and numbers in print. Recognizes the sound of the first letter in his/her name.	Recognizes some common words in print; such as his/her name, mom, dad. Identifies six to seven letters and their sounds.	Names all upper- and lowercase letters when presented in random order and identifies at least 15 letter sounds. When shown a two- or three-letter word, can find it in print.	Reads high-frequency sight words. Identifies all letters and their sounds. Begins to sound out the letters in two- to four- letter words.	Reads and decodes root words with inflectional endings, e.g., ed, -ing, -s. Recognizes letter patterns, word families, long and short vowel sounds, whole word chunks, digraphs and blends.	Decodes words with common prefixes and suffixes. Uses context or rereads to determine the meaning of unknown words.
	LLD 5 Concepts of Print	Looks at or points to pictures. Opens and closes books.	Recognizes if pictures are right-side up. Turns pages from front to back of book.	Identifies the front/back and top/bottom of a book. Indicates where to start reading on each page.	Identifies letters, words, spaces and some punctuation. Follows the direction of text.	Touches a written word on the page for each spoken word (but not necessarily the correct word). Tracks print from the end of one line to the beginning of the next line.	Recognizes common types of text, e.g., poem, storybook, fact book. Names author and illustrator. Identifies punctuation.	Explains the difference between books that tell stories and those that give information.	Describes the overall structure of a story, including the introduction, problem and conclusion.
	LLD 6 Reading Comprehension	Interacts by reaching for or patting when a book is read. Holds book and looks intently at each page.	Points to pictures and repeats words from familiar stories. Answers "where" questions by pointing.	Talks about pictures and ideas in familiar stories. Answers "what" questions about stories and books. Recalls the name of the main character.	Anticipates what comes next in familiar stories. Expresses likes or dislikes within the story. Participates with others in the retelling of a story by pointing at pictures or role-playing with props.	Relates to the characters or events of the story and shares a similar experience or object from own life. Retells portions of a story. Asks and answers simple questions about characters, setting and events.	With support, compares similarities between two texts. With prompting, answers questions about characters and setting. Retells major events of a story in sequence.	Makes many text-to-text, self, and real-world connections. Compares similarities and differences between texts. Retells stories with key details. Discusses setting, characters and events.	Evaluates texts based on content, personal experiences and knowledge of the world. Compares the main points of two texts. Summarizes texts and their messages. Describes the points of view of various characters.
	LLD 7 Writing	Explores writing materials.	Makes random marks with writing tools. Make handprints or fingerprints.	Holds drawing/writing tools with whole hand and may use whole arm to make intentional marks. Scribbles or draws marks as a representation of an object or person.	Uses fingers to grasp and manipulate drawing/writing tools with increasing control. Draws lines, circles or shapes and explains who or what they represent.	Uses a mature tripod grip with drawing/ writing tools. Uses a combination of drawing, dictating and writing to express and record an event or idea.	Consistently uses mature tripod grip with drawing/writing tools. Uses inventive spelling to write words that are connected to a given topic or opinion. Draws pictures to support writing.	Legibly prints letters, numbers and symbols. Writes a string of simple sentences to tell a story or share information. Provides a concluding statement.	Uses appropriate spacing between letters and words. Controls the size and placement of letters, numbers or details in drawings. Writes ideas or groups information in logical order. Uses descriptive words in writing.

Individual children develop at a unique pace.		Infant	Toddler		Preschool / Pre-K Young School-Ag		Age		
	Skill / Skill Code	Benchmark 1	Benchmark 2	Benchmark 3	Benchmark 4	Benchmark 5	Benchmark 6	Benchmark 7	Benchmark 8
Mathematics & Reasoning 😭	MR 1 Number Sense	Hears numbers in everyday context. Hears rote counting. Looks for an object that is taken out of sight.	Recognizes the numeral one and sees other numerals around the room. Repeats number words when heard. Demonstrates an understanding of one, two and more.	Recognizes numerals to three. Points to one object at a time while counting (not always in correct order). Creates groups of objects. Adds to and removes from group as prompted.	Identifies numerals to five. Counts up to ten objects. Creates and counts groups of up to five objects. Removes objects from the group as prompted and recounts.	Identifies numerals to 10. Solves addition and subtraction problems within ten. Counts up to 20 objects.	Identifies and writes numerals to 20. Counts to 100 by ones and tens. Counts forward from a given number. Decomposes numbers less than or equal to 10 in more than one way, e.g., $7 = 3 + 4$ just as $7 = 2 + 5$ .	Identifies and counts in sequence to 120 from a given number. Uses manipulatives to group and count units. Determines if a given addition or subtraction equation is true or false.	Compares and orders numerals to 1000. Identifies if a number is even or odd. Counts by fives, tens and hundreds to 1000. Adds and subtracts within 20. Solves addition or subtraction word problems.
Mathen	MR 2 Spatial Awareness	Plays with objects and toys that are a variety of shapes. Participates as caregiver raises arms or legs and says up/down. Tries to put one object inside another.	Purposely turns or spins objects. Follows simple positional directions such as on/off, over/ under and up/down. Fills container then dumps out the contents.	Recognizes objects that are upside down and turns them right-side up. Finds or places objects next to, between, in front of or behind self. Puts together three pieces to create a whole object.	Matches two objects even if turned different ways. When prompted, places objects next to, between, in front of or behind objects not related to self. Uses a guide to assemble 12 puzzle pieces.	Identifies and corrects the orientation of familiar objects and symbols. Explains the location of an object in relation to another object. Assembles a puzzle without using a guide.	Identifies 2D and 3D shapes regardless of orientation. Makes simple maps or models to represent the location of objects. Creates complex shapes by putting together or taking apart other shapes.	Matches 2D to 3D shapes. Recognizes symmetry. Gives and follows positional instructions to find objects. Builds complex shapes from simpler shapes. Splits shapes into four equal parts.	Determines when shapes have been rotated or flipped. Uses representations, coordinate systems and maps. Separates a shape into halves, thirds and fourths.
	MR 3 Shapes	Manipulates objects that are a variety of shapes.	Matches two identical shapes.	Identifies a few basic shapes.	Identifies four to six basic geometric shapes.	Describes basic and complex two and three-dimensional shapes using own words.	Describes objects in the environment as two- and three- dimensional shapes.	Describes and draws defining features of shapes.	Identifies and draws complex shapes.
	MR 4 Measurement	Recognizes when to use whole hand or just two fingers to pick up an object.	Explores size and weight of objects in relation to self.	Determines which object is bigger (heavier, longer) when given two objects.	Uses nonstandard measurement tools to estimate approximate size or volume. Verifies estimation with help.	Estimates (not always logically) size and volume. Measures and describes findings.	Makes logical estimates and uses measurement tools to check estimation.	Explains which measurement tool makes the best sense for the object being measured. Tells time in hours and half-hours.	Tells time. Estimates length in inches, feet, centimeters or meters. Measures an object using a variety of measurement standards.
	MR 5 Patterns	Plays predictable activities with caregivers such as pat-a-cake and peekaboo.	Attempts to mimic vocal and physical patterns.	Copies patterns with two steps, such as red- blue, red-blue.	Creates and extends two-step patterns.	Creates and extends three- and four- step patterns and plays complex memory games.	Determines the missing piece of a pattern within a set sequence. Recognizes simple patterns in the environment.	Creates or extends increasing or decreasing patterns.	Develops and explains his/her own formula for creating a variety of patterns.
	MR 6 Classification	Recognizes familiar people and objects. Recognizes self as being separate from others.	When shown one object, finds the match. Identifies and names familiar people, characters and animals.	Sort objects by one feature, such as size or color. Groups objects by common characteristics.	After sorting objects by one feature, sorts again by a different feature.	Sorts objects by more than one feature and explains why.	Identifies, sorts and classifies objects by at least two features.	Answers questions about data or objects sorted in up to three categories.	Uses graphs and charts to represent data sorted in up to four categories.
	MR 7 Logic & Reasoning	Reacts to a problem and seeks a desired outcome.	Experiments with cause and effect.	Recognizes a problem and asks for help.	Tries out many possible solutions to a problem.	Uses previous knowledge to determine which solution to try first when solving a problem.	Mentally eliminates possible solutions to a problem by thinking through their potential results.	Explains the sequence of his or her problemsolving strategy.	Solves hypothetical problems by connecting personal experiences to possible solutions.

Individual children develop at a unique pace.			Infant	Toddler		Preschool / Pre-K		Young School-Age		
	Skill / Skill Code	Benchmark 1	Benchmark 2	Benchmark 3	Benchmark 4	Benchmark 5	Benchmark 6	Benchmark 7	Benchmark 8	
Science 🕅	SCI 1 Investigation & Inquiry	Looks for a person or toy that has moved out of sight. Reacts to changes.	Asks one- to two-word questions. Uses senses to explore environment.	Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Shares discoveries with others.	Observes and describes changes that occur to familiar objects and people. When given a question, guesses a possible answer or outcome. Uses past knowledge to explain observed changes.	Asks questions or shows curiosity about scientific phenomenon. Predicts a few outcomes. Explores and records observations by drawing. Describes and compares observations.	Predicts multiple outcomes to a question or situation and explains personal reasoning. Gathers information or experiments to prove/ disprove a hypothesis.	Inquires about a phenomenon, makes a prediction based on prior knowledge and gathered information. Records findings in charts or diagrams. Explains his/her problem-solving strategy.	Asks questions and makes hypotheses about scientific phenomena or hypothetical problems. Conducts an experiment multiple times, records observations and evaluates information to explain a phenomenon.	
	SCI 2 Natural & Earth Science	Explores immediate environment using senses. Reacts to weather changes in immediate environment.	Plays with rocks, sand, dirt or water. Reacts to animals or insects in immediate environment. Understands hot and cold. Points at clouds and explores the feel of rain and wind.	Identifies familiar animals, plants or rocks in immediate environment. Groups living things by common characteristics. Notices changes in temperature or weather.	Demonstrates an understanding that all people have needs. Identifies if an object can grow, eat or move. Identifies the climate and weather in the immediate environment.	Recognizes that all living things have similar basic needs. Sorts organisms as living or nonliving and explains why. Identifies current season and explains how weather affects personal life.	Describes how living things obtain what they need to survive. Groups living things by similar features. Explains that different places have disparate kinds of weather and climates.	Describes how an organism's features and surroundings help it survive. Explains weather patterns and the basic properties and role of the sun, moon and earth.	Describes threats that living things must overcome to survive. Explains the relationships between a variety of species. Describes how the sun and movements of the earth affect climate.	
	SCI 3 Physical Science	Uses senses to explore objects in immediate environment. Kicks feet or shakes arms to make other objects move.	Reacts to changes in texture, smell, sound or sight. Uses body to push or pull toys.	Explores motion by moving, rolling, blowing on or dropping a toy.	Explains how common vehicles, animals and people move. Sorts objects by type of movement. Describes basic physical properties of objects and materials in immediate environment.	Experiments with and explains invisible forces, e.g., ramps, magnets. Manipulates matter and observes any physical changes that may occur.	Experiments and compares the movements of various objects on a variety of surfaces. Classifies and sorts materials by a variety of physical properties.	Recognizes that gravity makes unsupported objects fall. Identifies objects that are attracted to magnets. Identifies materials that are solid, liquid and gas.	Recognizes that materials move differently on different surfaces. Explains how force is used to change the direction of moving objects.	

Individual children develop at a unique pace.		Infant	Toddler		Preschool / Pre-K	Young School-Age			
	Skill / Skill Code	Benchmark 1	Benchmark 2	Benchmark 3	Benchmark 4	Benchmark 5	Benchmark 6	Benchmark 7	Benchmark 8
Social Studies	55 1 Culture & Community	Recognizes family members and is exposed to family traditions or cultural events.	With help, participates in family traditions and customs.	Recognizes familiar symbols or artifacts of family traditions or customs. Identifies differences between self and others.	Describes the routines, familiar stories, traditions, foods and celebrations of own family and community. Describes family and community members, their roles and their relationship to self.	Explains the meaning and importance of own traditions and customs. Begins to learn about other cultures. Identifies roles and responsibilities of self and others to contribute to the community.	Explains the meaning and importance of traditions and customs of other people. Explains how individuals, families and cultures differ. Compares roles, rules and responsibilities of different groups.	Compares diverse cultures and traditions. Understands that some people have different needs or beliefs.	Names influential people and events that have impacted familiar cultures and traditions. Demonstrates respect for people who may look or act differently.
	55 2 Civics & Economics	Attends to others in immediate environment. Grasps and releases objects.	Participates in communal activities. Expresses a desire for an object or action. Says me, mine.	Recognizes and attends to authority figures. Recognizes ownership of familiar objects.	Follows familiar rules and helps make group decisions. Asks before taking an object that does not belong to self. Offers a toy or object to another person.	Applies familiar rules and suggests new rules in a variety of situations. Explores the use of trade to receive objects or services.	Discusses the purposes of rules, laws and civic leaders. Participates in voting to make decisions. Exchanges money, goods or services for other goods or services.	Identifies individual rights. Determines if rules support the common good. Describes ways one might use money, goods or services.	Describes different levels of government, e.g., local, state, national. Makes democratic decisions. Explains how and why people work together in trade to get what they need and want.
	SS 3 Geography	Responds to changes in the immediate environment. Navigates within a familiar environment.	Recognizes familiar places. Finds ways to move around obstacles in a familiar environment.	Identifies a variety of familiar places, such as the store, car, home or Grandma's. Follows a path.	Identifies different types of water bodies, streets, buildings and landmarks in own community. Recognizes symbols and landmarks.	Explains the purpose for different types of structures, such as bridges and buildings. Asks questions about landmarks. Identifies what is represented on a map. Draws pictures of current location.	Compares the geographic features of own community to another community. Recreates a map of something s/he cannot immediately see.	Identifies and describes various types of landforms and natural resources. Locates familiar places on maps. Uses cardinal directions to follow and give directions.	Explains how the physical features and characteristics of an environment affect how people live. Uses a variety of maps to gather information.
	SS 4 History & Sense of Time	Focuses on interactions with others for a short time.	Observes events and begins to participate.	Describes events as they happen. Uses words such as first, then.	Recalls information and events from the past.	Uses language of time to describe familiar sequences of events.	Retells historical, fictional or past events or stories.	Compares and contrasts current and historical conditions of familiar environments.	Describes relationships between past events and current conditions. Explains why it is important to understand historical events.

Individual children develop at a unique pace.			Infant	Toddler		Preschool / Pre-K	Young School-Age		
	Skill / Skill Code	Benchmark 1	Benchmark 2	Benchmark 3	Benchmark 4	Benchmark 5	Benchmark 6	Benchmark 7	Benchmark 8
Creative Arts	CA 1 Music	Responds to sounds. Makes sounds to communicate feelings.	Responds to changes in sound, rhythm, volume or melody. Repeats words in familiar songs and attempts to sing.	Claps to beat (not always consistently). Understands difference of singing and speaking voices. Expresses likes and dislikes of familiar songs. Explores shaking, pounding and tapping various instruments.	Claps along to simple rhythm patterns. Controls voice to mimic the melodic direction. Uses voice, common objects or instruments to create music. Identifies self as a musician.	Repeats simple rhythm patterns. Hears the change of musical phrases in a song. Sings along to familiar songs. Uses voice or instruments to express feelings or to mimic sound effects.	Creates simple rhythm patterns. Controls pitch when singing a familiar song. Communicates ideas by creating rhythm and/or melody.	Maintains a steady beat. Recognizes strong/ weak beats. Begins to read rhythm notation. Matches vocal pitch in limited range. Interprets and compares many types of music.	Maintains rhythm in various meter groupings. Participates in call-and-response and two-part rounds. Experiments and performs self-written music or rhythmic patterns.
	CA 2 Dance & Movement	Moves body in a variety of ways. Uses body language to express feelings.	Moves body purposely. Sways or bounces to music. Uses purposeful gestures and body language to communicate.	Follows the movements of others. Explores personal space and direction. Moves in own way to music and rhythm.	Describes and demonstrates multiple ways to move body parts. Moves to the beat. Demonstrates different levels of energy in dance, e.g., gentle versus explosive or small versus large movements.	Follows a leader to perform a simple movement pattern. Demonstrates the difference between spontaneous and planned movement. Creates movements based on own ideas.	Recalls a simple movement pattern and performs it individually or in a group. Expresses ideas, feelings and stories through creative movement.	Recalls and dances a sequence of two or three movement patterns. Identifies the beginning, middle and end of a dance.	Creates simple movement sequences. Describes how dances and movements express certain ideas or feelings.
	CA 3 Visual Arts	Explores materials using gross motor movements and senses. Expresses emotions while exploring materials.	Uses hands and feet to explore a variety of media. Scribbles, colors or paints intentionally on paper.	Explores a variety of artistic tools and media. Uses materials to create shapes and symbols.	Chooses an object or art tool to use with a given medium for a desired effect. Makes choices throughout the artistic process.	Uses artistic tools and media to create intentional designs or images. Plans, designs and seeks materials to make a creation.	Demonstrates a variety of techniques using a given tool or medium. Creates arts to represent an idea or object. Explains how it was made.	Uses various tools and techniques to achieve desired artistic results. Creates art to express ideas, thoughts and feelings.	Compares artistic techniques and creations of many artists. Creates art and explains why and how s/he chose specific materials and techniques.
	CA 4 Drama	Imitates simple movements and facial expressions. Responds to props or puppets.	Mimics observed behaviors and words. Mimics the use of familiar objects.	Uses words, actions and props to pretend. Uses realistic toys as replacements for real objects. Distinguishes between real and pretend.	Plays a role in group dramatic play. Uses an object as a replacement for a realistic prop or real object.	Assigns roles and plays out unscripted scenes in dramatic play. Uses a combination of real and imaginary props or characters to play out a scene.	With cues, performs a simple preplanned drama. Creates a setting, characters and events to tell a story.	Plans a story and seeks out props to enhance a role or highlight details. Integrates emotion into performance.	Rehearses, memorizes and performs a short play. Plans a story and creates costumes, settings or props to create a mood or environment.