



*Alignment of Head Start's Five Essential Domains of Child Development
and Early Learning with the
New Portage Guide Birth to Six*

The following document aligns the New Portage Guide Birth to Six domains, strands, and individual skills to the specific domains in Head Start's Five Essential Domains of Child Development and Early Learning. Individual skills ranging from birth to 3 years are included in the alignment.

References:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2010). Head Start's Five Essential Domains of Child Development and Early Learning. Washington, DC; *New Portage Guide Birth to Six, CESA 5, Portage, Wisconsin 53901*

Head Start's Five Essential Domains of Child Development and Early Learning	New Portage Guide Birth to Six	
Domain: Social Emotional Development	Age Level	Skill
	Birth – 9 months	CLL2, SE11, SE12, APL22, APL25, PM26, PM27, PM28, PM29, PM30, PM31, PM32, PM33, PM34, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM38, SO39, SO40, SO41, SO43, SO44, SO46
	9 – 18 months	CLL6, SE16, SE17, SE18, SE21, APL22, APL23, APL24, APL25, APL26, PM30, PM31, PM32, PM33, PM34, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM38, SO40, SO41, SO43, SO44, SO46
	18-36 months	CLL3, SE10, SE11, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE17, SE18, SE19, SE20, SE21, SE22, SE23, APL28, APL29, SO51, SO52, SO53
	3 – 4 years	CLL2, CLL3, SE8, SE9, SE10, SE11, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE17, SE18, APL23, SO42, SO43

Legend: SE – Social Emotional Development
SO – Sensory Organization
PM – Purposeful Motor

CLL – Communication/Language/Literacy
APL - Exploration/Approaches to Learning

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Domain: Approaches Toward Learning	Age Level	Skill
	Birth - 9 months	CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, CLL8, SE9, SE10, SE11, SE12, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE17, SE18, APL19, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL24, APL25, SO39, SO40, SO41, SO44
	9 – 18 months	CLL1, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL7, CLL8, CLL9, CLL10, SE11, SE12, SE14, SE16, SE17, SE18, SE19, SE20, APL22, APL23, APL24, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, APL29, SO47
	18 – 36 months	CLL1, CLL3, CLL8, CLL9, SE10, SE11, SE22, APL24, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, APL29, APL30, APL31, APL32, PM40, SO52
	3 - 4 years	CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, SE13, SE14, SE17, APL19, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL24, APL25, APL26, APL27, PM38, SO40

Head Start's Five Essential Domains of Child Development and Early Learning	New Portage Guide Birth to Six	
Domain: Language and Literacy Development	Age Level	Skill
	Birth – 9 months	CLL1, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, CLL8, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE17, APL23, SO39
	9 – 18 months	CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, CLL8, CLL9, CLL10, SE12, SE17, SE21, APL28, PM37, SO45, SO48
	18 - 36 months	CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, CLL8, CLL9, SE10, SE19, SE23, APL26, APL27, APL28, APL32, PM39, PM40, PM41, PM46, SO48
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, SE13, SE14, SE18, APL19, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL25, APL27, PM39

Head Start's Five Essential Domains of Child Development and Early Learning	New Portage Guide Birth to Six	
Domain: Cognition and General Knowledge	Age Level	Skill
	Birth – 9 months	CLL1, CLL2, SE15, SE16, APL19, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL24, APL25, PM36, SO39, SO41, SO42
	9 – 18 months	SE12, SE14, APL23, APL24, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, APL29, SO39, SO41, SO42
	18 - 36 months	CLL2, CLL7, SE22, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, APL29, APL30, APL31, APL32, PM39, PM40, SO51
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, CLL2, CLL5, SE17, SE18, APL19, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL24, APL25, APL26, APL27

Head Start's Five Essential Domains of Child Development and Early Learning	New Portage Guide Birth to Six	
Domain: Physical Well-Being and Motor Development	Age Level	Skill
	Birth – 9 months	CLL2, SE11, SE12, APL22, APL25, PM26, PM27, PM28, PM29, PM30, PM31, PM32, PM33, PM34, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM38, SO39, SO40, SO41, SO43, SO44, SO46
	9 – 18 months	CLL6, SE16, SE17, SE18, SE21, APL22, APL23, APL24, APL25, APL26, PM30, PM31, PM32, PM33, PM34, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM38, SO40, SO41, SO43, SO44, SO46
	18 - 36 months	SE12, SE17, SE18, SE21, SE22, SE23, APL26, APL30, PM33, PM34, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM38, PM39, PM40, PM41, PM42, PM43, PM44, PM45, PM46, SO47, SO49, SO50
	3 – 4 years	SE17, SE18, APL20, PM28, PM29, PM30, PM31, PM32, PM33, PM34, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM38, PM39, SO40, SO41, SO42, SO43