



*Alignment of the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework  
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 and domain elements in the *Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework; Promoting Positive Outcomes in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children 3-5 Years Old*. Individual skills ranging from 18 months to 6 years are included in the alignment.

**References:**

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Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework Domains and Domain Elements	New Portage Guide Birth to Six	
Domain: Physical Development and Health	Age Level	Skill
Element: PHYSICAL HEALTH STATUS <b>The maintenance of healthy and age appropriate well-being.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE16, SE17, SO49, PM42, PM43
	3 – 4 years	SO41, SO42, SO43, PM35
	4 - 5 years	PM31, SO35, SO36
	5 – 6 years	PM29, PM34
Element: HEALTH KNOWLEDGE & PRACTICE <b>The understanding of healthy and safe habits and practicing healthy habits.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL1, SE11, SE15, SE16, SE17, APL29, PM41, PM42, PM43, PM44, PM45, SO49
	3 – 4 years	SE13, SE16, SE18, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM38, SO41
	4 - 5 years	PM31, PM32, PM33
	5 – 6 years	SE11, SE16, APL23, PM29, PM33, PM34, SO36
Element: GROSS MOTOR SKILLS <b>The control of large muscles for movement, navigation, and balance.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE23, PM33, PM34, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM38, PM44, PM45, SO47, SO50
	3 – 4 years	SE18, PM28, PM29, PM30, PM31, PM32, PM34, PM37
	4 - 5 years	SE18, PM26, PM27, PM28, PM29, PM32, PM33, SO35, SO36
	5 – 6 years	SE16, SE19, PM29, PM30, PM31, PM33, PM34
Element: FINE MOTOR SKILLS <b>The control of small muscles for such purposes as using utensils, self-care, building, and exploring.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL5, SE22, APL26, PM39, PM40, PM42, PM43, PM44, PM46
	3 – 4 years	SE17, APL20, PM33, PM34, PM35, PM36, PM37, PM39, PM40
	4 - 5 years	SE19, PM30, PM32, PM33, PM34, SO37
	5 – 6 years	SE16, SE18, SE19, APL21, PM31, PM32, PM33, PM34, PM35

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: Social & Emotional Development	Age Level	Skill
Element: SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS <b>The healthy relationships and interactions with adults and peers.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL3, SE10, SE12, SE19, SE20, SE21, PM40
	3 – 4 years	CLL3, SE8, SE11, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE18
	4 - 5 years	SE10, SE11, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE17, APL21
	5 – 6 years	CLL1, CLL2, SE10, SE11, SE12, SE15, SE16, SE17, SE19, APL27
Element: SELF-CONCEPT & SELF-EFFICACY <b>The perception that one is capable of successfully making decisions, accomplishing tasks, and meeting goals.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL1, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE17, SE18, SE22
	3 – 4 years	CLL3, SE8, SE9, SE13, SE16
	4 - 5 years	SE10, SE11, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE18, SE19
	5 – 6 years	SE10, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE17, SE18
Element: SELF-REGULATION <b>The ability to recognize and regulate emotions, attention, impulses, and behavior.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE11, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE16, APL29, SO48, SO49, SO51, SO52, SO53
	3 – 4 years	SE8, SE10, SE12, SE13, SE15, SE16, SO42, SO43
	4 - 5 years	SE10, SE11, SE13, SE17, SO37, SO38
	5 – 6 years	SE10, SE11, SE16, SO38, SO39
Element: EMOTIONAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH <b>A healthy range of emotional expression and learning positive alternatives to aggressive or isolation behaviors.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL3, SE14, SE18, SO51
	3 – 4 years	CLL3, SE8, SE9, SE11, SE12, SE15
	4 - 5 years	SE10, SE11, SE12, SE15, SE16, APL21
	5 – 6 years	CLL2, SE10, SE12, SE15

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Domain: Approaches to Learning	Age Level	Skill
Element: INITIATIVE & CURIOSITY <b>An interest in varied topics and activities, desire to learn, creativeness, and independence in learning.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL3, SE10, SE17, SE22, SE23, APL24
	3 – 4 years	CLL2, SE17, SE18
	4 - 5 years	SE12, SE16, SE18, SE19, APL21, APL25
	5 – 6 years	CLL2, SE18, SE19, APL27, APL28, SO37
Element: PERSISTENCE & ATTENTIVENESS <b>The ability to begin and finish activities with persistence and attention.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL8, SE14, SO52, SO53
	3 – 4 years	SE10, SE13, SE18, APL20
	4 - 5 years	SE13, SE16, SE18, CLL1, CLL6, CLL7, APL21, PM30
	5 – 6 years	SE10, SE14, SE16, SE17, APL21, PM32, SO39
Element: COOPERATION <b>An interest and engagement in group experiences.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE11, SE15, SE19, SE20, SE21
	3 – 4 years	CLL3, SE12, SE13, SE15, SE16
	4 - 5 years	SE10, SE14, SE16, SE17, SE21
	5 – 6 years	CLL1, SE10, SE11, SE15, SE16, SE17, SE19

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Domain: Logic & Reasoning	Age Level	Skill
Element: REASONING & PROBLEM SOLVING <b>The ability to recognize, understand, and analyze a problem and draw on knowledge or experience to seek solutions to a problem.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL2, CLL7, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, APL29, APL30, APL31, APL32, PM39
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, CLL5, APL19, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL27, PM38
	4 - 5 years	CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, SE10, APL20, APL21, APL22, SO36
	5 – 6 years	CLL8, SE10, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, PM32, SO36
Element: SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION <b>The use of symbols or objects to represent something else.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL9, APL24, APL30, PM40
	3 – 4 years	SE15, SE17, SE18
	4 - 5 years	SE16, SE18, SE19
	5 – 6 years	SE17, SE18, SE19

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Domain: Language Development	Age Level	Skill
Element: RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE <b>The ability to comprehend or understand language.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL2, CLL3, CLL8, CLL9, SE19, APL24, APL27, APL31, PM40, SO48
	3 – 4 years	CLL2, CLL3, CLL5, SE13, SE14, SE18, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL27
	4 - 5 years	CLL1, CLL2, CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, SE11, SE15, SE16, SE18, APL21, APL22
	5 – 6 years	CLL2, CLL8, SE10, SE16, SE17, APL22, APL25, APL27, APL28
Element: EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE <b>The ability to use language.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL6, CLL9, SE10, SE14, SE19, PM41
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, SE14, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL25, APL27
	4 - 5 years	CLL3, CLL4, CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, CLL8, SE11, SE14, SE15, SE16, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL23
	5 – 6 years	CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4, CLL8, CLL9, SE10, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE17, APL22, APL23, APL24, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, SO36

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Domain: Literacy Knowledge & Skills	Age Level	Skill
Element: BOOK APPRECIATION AND KNOWLEDGE <b>The interest in books and their characteristics, and the ability to understand and get meaning from stories and information from books and other texts.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL8, CLL9
	3 – 4 years	CLL5, CLL6
	4 - 5 years	CLL7, CLL9
	5 – 6 years	CLL8, CLL9, PM35
Element: PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS <b>An awareness that language can be broken into words, syllables, and smaller pieces of sound.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL4, CLL5, CLL6
	3 – 4 years	CLL7
	4 - 5 years	CLL6, CLL8, CLL9, PM34
	5 – 6 years	CLL5, CLL6
Element: ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE <b>The names and sounds associated with letters.</b>	18 – 36 months	PM46
	3 – 4 years	CLL7, PM39
	4 - 5 years	CLL8, CLL9, PM34
	5 – 6 years	CLL5, CLL6, PM35
Element: PRINT CONCEPTS & CONVENTIONS <b>The concepts about print and early decoding (identifying letter-sound relationships).</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL8
	3 – 4 years	CLL6, CLL7, APL24
	4 - 5 years	CLL8, CLL9, PM34
	5 – 6 years	CLL5, CLL6, CLL7, APL24, PM35
Element: EARLY WRITING <b>The familiarity with writing implements, conventions, and emerging skills to communicate through written representations, symbols, and letters.</b>	18 – 36 months	PM46, SE22
	3 – 4 years	PM39, SE17, CLL7
	4 - 5 years	SE19, PM34, CLL9
	5 – 6 years	PM35, CLL5

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Domain: Mathematics Knowledge & Skills	Age Level	Skill
Element: NUMBER CONCEPTS & QUANTITIES <b>The understanding that numbers represent quantities and have ordinal properties (number words represent a rank order, particular size, or position in a list).</b>	18 – 36 months	APL31, APL32, CLL2
	3 – 4 years	APL24, APL25, APL26
	4 - 5 years	APL23
	5 – 6 years	APL24, APL25, APL26
Element: NUMBER RELATIONSHIPS & OPERATIONS <b>The use of numbers to describe relationships and solve problems.</b>	18 – 36 months	APL31, APL32
	3 – 4 years	APL25, APL26
	4 - 5 years	APL23, APL24
	5 – 6 years	APL20, APL25, APL26
Element: GEOMETRY & SPATIAL SENSE <b>The understanding of shapes, their properties, and how objects are related to one another.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL2, CLL7, APL25, PM46
	3 – 4 years	APL19, APL20, PM39
	4 - 5 years	APL24
	5 – 6 years	CLL7, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL26
Element: PATTERNS <b>The recognition of patterns, sequencing, and critical thinking skills necessary to predict and classify objects in a pattern.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL7, APL25
	3 – 4 years	APL19, APL21
	4 - 5 years	APL20
	5 – 6 years	APL20, APL22
Element: MEASUREMENT & COMPARISON <b>The understanding of attributes and relative properties of objects as related to size, capacity, and area.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL2, CLL7
	3 – 4 years	APL19
	4 - 5 years	APL24
	5 – 6 years	APL20, APL22, APL25, APL26

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Domain: Science Knowledge & Skills	Age Level	Skill
Element: SCIENTIFIC SKILLS & METHOD <b>The skills to observe and collect information and use it to ask questions, predict, explain, and draw conclusions.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL2, CLL7, CLL9, SE11, SE16, SE18, SE22, APL25, APL27, APL28, APL29, APL30, SO47, SO49, SO50
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, CLL2, CLL5, CLL6, APL19, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL27, SO40
	4 - 5 years	APL20, APL21, APL22, APL24, APL25, CLL3, CLL5, SE12, SE19, SO35, SO36, SO37
	5 – 6 years	APL20, APL22, APL23, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, PM29, SE14, SO36, SO37
Element: CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATURAL & PHYSICAL WORLD <b>The acquisition of concepts and facts related to the natural and physical world and the understanding of naturally-occurring relationships.</b>	18 – 36 months	CLL2, CLL7, CLL9, SE11, SE13, SE16, SE18, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, APL29, APL30, APL31
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, CLL2, APL19, APL21, APL22, APL23, APL27, SO40
	4 - 5 years	CLL5, SE12, SE19, APL20, APL21, APL22, APL24, APL25, PM31, SO27, SO35
	5 – 6 years	APL20, APL22, APL23, APL25, APL26, APL27, APL28, SO36, SO37

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Domain: Creative Arts Expression	Age Level	Skill
Element: MUSIC <b>The use of voice and instruments to create sounds.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE23, PM40, SO48
	3 – 4 years	SE18
	4 - 5 years	CLL6, SE18
	5 – 6 years	SE19, PM37
Element: CREATIVE MOVEMENT & DANCE <b>The use of the body to move to music and express oneself.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE23, PM40
	3 – 4 years	SE18
	4 - 5 years	SE16, SE18, SO35
	5 – 6 years	SE19
Element: ART <b>The use of a range of media and materials to create drawings, pictures, or other objects.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE22, PM46
	3 – 4 years	SE17, SO40, PM39
	4 - 5 years	SE19, PM34
	5 – 6 years	SE18, PM35, PM37
Element: DRAMA <b>The portrayal of events, characters, or stories through acting and using props and language.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE10, SE21, APL24, PM40, CLL9
	3 – 4 years	CLL5, SE14, SE15
	4 - 5 years	SE16, SE18, CLL6, CLL7
	5 – 6 years	CLL2, CLL8, SE19

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Domain: Social Studies Knowledge & Skills	Age Level	Skill
Element: SELF, FAMILY & COMMUNITY <b>The understanding of one’s relationship to the family and community, roles in the family and community, and respect for diversity.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE11, SE12, SE13, SE15, SE18, APL29
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, CLL3, SE8, SE9, SE11, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE22, SE23, APL27
	4 - 5 years	SE10, SE11, SE12, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE17, PM31, PM32, APL21
	5 – 6 years	CLL1, SE10, SE11, SE12, SE13, SE14, SE15, SE16, SE17, SE19, PM33, PM34
Element: PEOPLE & THE ENVIRONMENT <b>The understanding of the relationship between people and the environment in which they live.</b>	18 – 36 months	SE16, SE18
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, APL27
	4 - 5 years	SE14, PM31
	5 – 6 years	SE10, SE11, SE15, SE17, APL22, APL27, APL28
Element: HISTORY & EVENTS <b>The understanding that events happened in the past and how these events relate to one’s self, family, and community.</b>	18 – 36 months	APL28, APL29, SE13
	3 – 4 years	CLL1, APL22, APL23
	4 - 5 years	APL21, APL22, SE12
	5 – 6 years	SE14, APL23, APL27

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Domain: English Language Development	Age Level	Skill
Element: RECEPTIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS <b>The ability to comprehend or understand the English language.</b>	18 – 36 months	
	3 – 4 years	
	4 - 5 years	CLL2
	5 – 6 years	
Element: EXPRESSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS <b>The ability to speak or use English.</b>	18 – 36 months	
	3 – 4 years	
	4 - 5 years	
	5 – 6 years	CLL3
Element: ENGAGEMENT IN ENGLISH LITERACY ACTIVITIES <b>Understanding and responding to books, storytelling, and songs presented in English.</b>	18 – 36 months	
	3 – 4 years	
	4 - 5 years	CLL9
	5 – 6 years	