

Early Learning and Developmental Guidelines

This document provides current Web links to all State early learning and development guidelines (ELGs). At this time, all 56 States and Territories have developed ELGs for preschool children, and virtually all have ELGs for infants and toddlers. The following table provides the website for ELGs from the States.

State	ELG Name and Web Site	ELG Age Range
Alabama	Alabama Early Learning Guidelines http://dhr.alabama.gov/large_docs/aelg.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Alaska	Early Learning Guidelines (2007) https://education.alaska.gov/publications/earlylearningguidelines.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Arizona	Early Learning Standards (2013) http://www.azed.gov/early-childhood/files/2011/11/arizona-early-learning-standards-3rd-edition.pdf	3 to 5 years
	Arizona's Infant and Toddler Developmental Guidelines (Draft) http://www.azftf.gov/Documents/Arizona%20Infant%20and%20Toddler%20Developmental%20Guidelines%20DRAFT%20for%20VETTING.pdf	Birth to 3 years
Arkansas	Arkansas Child Development and Early Learning Standards (2016) http://www.arheadstart.org/Ark_Early_Learning_Standards%20(19)%20(1).pdf	Birth to 5 years
California	California Infant/Toddler Learning & Development Foundations (2009) http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/itfoundations.asp	Birth to 3 years
	California Preschool Learning Foundations, Volumes 1-3 http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/psfoundations.asp	3 to 5 years
Colorado	Colorado Early Learning & Development Guidelines (2013) https://www.cde.state.co.us/early/eldgs	Birth to 5 years
Connecticut	Guidelines for the Development of Infant & Toddler Early Learning http://www.ct.gov/dss/lib/dss/dss_early_learning_guidelines.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards (2014) http://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/earlycare/elds/ctelds.pdf	Birth to 5 years
	Connecticut Preschool Assessment Framework (2008) http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Early/Preschool_Assessment_Framework.pdf	3 to 5 years

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Delaware	Delaware Early Learning Foundations: Infant/Toddler (2010) http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dms/epqc/birth3/files/deinfant_0211.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Delaware Early Learning Foundations: Preschool (2010) https://dieecpd.org/static/uploads/files/elfpreschool9-10.pdf	3 to 5 years
District of Columbia	Early Learning Standards: Infants, Toddlers, and Pre-Kindergarten (2008) http://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/publication/attachments/521_Early_Learning_Standards.pdf https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/publication/attachments/OSSE_PreKindergarten_v4_0.pdf District of Columbia Early Learning Standards For Pre-Kindergarten (2008)	Birth to 5 years
Florida	Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards (2011) file:///C:/Users/37336/Downloads/StndFullEng.pdf	Birth to 4 years
	Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds (2011) http://flbt5.floridaearlylearning.com/BT5_Uploads/feldsfyo.pdf	4-year-olds
Georgia	Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (2013) http://www.gelds.decal.ga.gov/Default.aspx	Birth to 5 years
	Georgia's Pre-K Program Content Standards (Revised March 2009) http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/Content_Standards.pdf	4-year-olds
Hawaii	The Hawai'i Early Learning & Development Standards: Supplemental Guides for Infants and Toddlers (2013) http://p3hawaii.org/sites/default/files/13380001_HPPE_HELDS_Guide-Discovering_Identity-v4a.pdf	Toddlers 18–24 Months
	Hawai'i Early Learning and Development Standards: Framework and Continuum from Birth to End of Kindergarten (April 2013) http://p3hawaii.org/sites/default/files/HELDS%20continuum%204_23_2013.pdf	Birth to 5 years and older
	Learning to Grow Developmental Guidelines for Infants, Toddlers, and Young Preschoolers (2011) http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/DevelopmentalGuidelinesAndEarlyLearningActivities.aspx	Birth to 4 years
Idaho	Idaho Early Learning Guidelines (October 2008) http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Unknown/123008%20Cover%20Introduction%20and%20Framework%20with%20at%20a%20glance%20tables.pdf	Birth to 3rd Grade
Illinois	Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards for Preschool (2013) http://illinoisearlylearning.org/iels/iels.pdf	3 to 5 years
	Illinois Early Learning Guidelines for Children Birth to Age Three (2013) http://illinoisearlylearning.org/guidelines/guidelines.pdf	Birth to 3 years

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Indiana	Indiana's Early Learning Development Framework Aligned to the 2014 Indiana Academic Standards http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/earlylearning/foundations-2015-august-12.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Iowa	Iowa Early Learning Standards (2012) http://www.state.ia.us/earlychildhood/files/early_learning_standarda/IELS_2013.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Kansas	Kansas Early Learning Standards: Building the Foundation for Successful Children (2014) http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Early%20Childhood/Early%20Learning%20Standards/KsEarlyLearningStandards.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Kentucky	Building a Strong Foundation for School Success: Kentucky's Early Childhood Standards (2013) http://kidsnow.ky.gov/Improving-Early-Care/Documents/Kentucky%20Early%20Childhood%20Standards.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Louisiana	Louisiana's Birth to Five Early Learning & Development Standards (2013) http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academic-standards/early-childhood---birth-to-five-standards.pdf?sfvrsn=6	Birth to 5 years
Maine	Supporting Maine's Infants & Toddlers: Guidelines for Learning & Development (2006) http://www.maine.gov/earlylearning/standards/infantsandtoddlerguidelines.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Maine's Early Learning and Development Standards (2015) http://www.maine.gov/doe/publicpreschool/documents/Maine-ELDS.pdf	18 months to 5 years
Maryland	Guidelines for Healthy Child Development and Care for Young Children (Birth – Three Years of Age) file:///C:/Users/37336/Downloads/http---www.eicolorado.org-Files-Maryland%20guidelinesforhealthychilddevelopment.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Maryland Model for School Readiness (2009) http://mdk12.msde.maryland.gov/instruction/ensure/mmsr/mmsrpkframeworkandstandards.pdf	3 to 5 years
Massachusetts	Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences (2003) http://www.eec.state.ma.us/docs1/research_planning/guidelines4preschool.pdf	3 to 5 years
	Massachusetts Early Learning Guidelines for Infants and Toddlers (2010) http://www.eec.state.ma.us/docs1/Workforce_Dev/Layout.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Early Childhood Program Standards for Three and Four Year Olds (2003) www.eec.state.ma.us/docs1/research_planning/ta_earlychildprogstan.pdf	3 to 4 years

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Michigan	Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Infant and Toddler Programs (Revised March 2013) http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ECSQ_IT_approved_422341_7.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten (20013) http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ECSQ_OK_Approved_422339_7.pdf	3 to 5 years
Minnesota	Early Childhood Indicators of Progress: Minnesota’s Early Learning Guidelines: Birth to Kindergarten (2017) http://www.isd47.org/media/2017/02/MN-ECIP-022017-web.pdf?x64048	Birth to 5 years
Mississippi	Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines For Three Year Olds (2015): http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/curriculum-and-instructions-library/early-childhood-early-learning-guidelines-3's-7-2-2015-sos-final.pdf?sfvrsn=2	3 years
	Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines For Four Year Olds (2015): http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/curriculum-and-instructions-library/early-childhood-early-learning-guidelines-4's-7-2-2015-sos-final.pdf?sfvrsn=2 Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines (2015) https://districtaccess.mde.k12.ms.us/curriculumandInstruction/Kindergarten%20Guidelines/2015-MS-Kindergarten-Guidelines.pdf	4 years
	Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines For Infants and Toddlers (2010) http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/curriculum-and-instructions-library/guidelinesforinfant-toddlerprogram.pdf?sfvrsn=2	Birth to 3 years
Missouri	Missouri Early Learning Goals Birth to Kindergarten Entry (2013) https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/eel-el-2013-MELGoals.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Montana	Montana’s Early Learning Guidelines for Infants and Toddlers http://www.mtecp.org/pdfs/infanttoddlereigs.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Montana Early Learning Standards (2014) http://opi.mt.gov/pdf/EarlyChildhood/14EarlyLearningStandards.pdf	3 to 5 years
Nebraska	Early Learning Guidelines for Ages Birth to 3 (2006) http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/pubs/elg/b_3_english.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Nebraska’s Early Learning Guidelines for Ages 3 to 5 (2013) http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/pubs/elg/3_5_english.pdf	3 to 5 years
Nevada	Nevada Pre-Kindergarten Content Standards (2010) http://www.nevadaregistry.org/fb_files/PreKStandards-FINAL.pdf	3 to 5 years
	Nevada Infant and Toddler Early Learning Guidelines DRAFT COPY (2011) http://www.nevadaregistry.org/fb_files/InfantToddlerGuidelinesDRAFTAugust2011.pdf	Birth through 3 years
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Early Childhood Standards https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cdb/documents/nh-early-learning-standards.pdf	Birth to 5 years

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New Jersey	Preschool Teaching & Learning Standards (2014) http://www.nj.gov/education/ece/guide/standards.pdf	3 to 5 years
New Mexico	New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines: Birth through Kindergarten (2014) https://www.newmexicokids.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Early_Learning_Guidelines_Birth_thru_Kindergarten_July_2014.pdf	Birth through Kindergarten
New York	New York State Early Learning Guidelines (2012) http://ccf.ny.gov/files/7813/8177/1285/ELG.pdf	Birth to 5 years
North Carolina	Foundations: Early Learning Standards for North Carolina Preschoolers and Strategies for Guiding Their Success (2005) http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/pdf_forms/Foundations_BW_condensed.pdf	3 to 5 years
	Infant-Toddler Foundations (2008) http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/pdf_forms/dcd_infant_toddler_early_foundations.pdf	Birth to 3 years
North Dakota	North Dakota Early Learning Guidelines for Children Ages Three Through Five Years http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/cfs/nd-early-learning-guidelines-for-ages-3-thru-5.pdf	3 to 5 years
	Early Learning Guidelines http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/cfs/2009-08-earlylearning-birth-3.pdf	Birth to 3 years
Ohio	Birth Through Kindergarten Entry Learning and Development Standards (2012) http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Early-Learning-Content-Standards/Birth-Through-Pre_K-Learning-and-Development-Standards	Birth to 5 years
Oklahoma	PASS Standards for Pre-Kindergarten (2003) http://sde.ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/C3%20Pass%20prek.pdf	3 to 5 years
	Early Learning Guidelines for Infants, Toddlers and Twos (2011) http://www.okdhs.org/OKDHS%20Publication%20Library/10-23.pdf	Birth to 3 years
Oregon	Oregon Early Childhood Foundations: Ages Three to Five (2006) http://www.ode.state.or.us/superintendent/priorities/ready4school/3to5foundations.pdf	3 to 5 years
	Oregon Early Childhood Foundations - Birth to 3 (2007) http://www.ode.state.or.us/gradelevel/pre_k/introfoundations.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Oregon Early Childhood Foundations http://www.ode.state.or.us/gradelevel/pre_k/ecborntolearnecfoundations.pdf	

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Pennsylvania	<p>Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood: Infants – Toddlers (2014) http://www.pakeys.org/uploadedContent/Docs/Career%20Development/2014%20Pennsylvania%20Learning%20Standards%20for%20Early%20Childhood%20Infants%20Toddlers.pdf</p> <p>Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood: Pre-Kindergarten (2014) http://www.pakeys.org/uploadedContent/Docs/Career%20Development/2014%20Pennsylvania%20Learning%20Standards%20for%20Early%20Childhood%20PreKindergarten.pdf</p>	Birth to 5 years
Rhode Island	<p>Rhode Island Early Learning and Development Standards (2013) http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/Early-Childhood/ELDS/2013_Early_Learning_and_Development_Standards.pdf</p>	9 months to 5 years
South Carolina	<p>Good Start, Grow Smart Early Learning Standards (2009) https://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/file/programs-services/64/documents/EarlyLearningGoodStart.pdf</p> <p>South Carolina’s Infant & Toddler Guidelines (2008) http://www.sc.edu/childrenscenter/doc/SCInfantToddlerGuidelines.pdf</p>	3 to 5 years Birth to 3 years
South Dakota	<p>South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines https://doe.sd.gov/oess/documents/HEADSTART_EarlyLearningGuidelines.pdf</p>	3 to 5 years
Tennessee	<p>Revised Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards https://tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/std_tnelds_birth-4yo.pdf</p>	Birth to 4 years
Texas	<p>Prekindergarten Curriculum Guidelines (2015) file:///C:/Users/37336/Downloads/PKG_Final_2015%20(1).pdf</p>	3 to 5 years
Utah	<p>Prekindergarten Guide (2017) http://programs.weber.edu/cac/assets/preguide.pdf</p> <p>Utah’s Early Learning Guidelines http://jobs.utah.gov/occ/occ2/forproviders/early_childhood.pdf</p>	3 to 4-years Birth to 3 years
Vermont	<p>Vermont Early Learning Standards Guiding the Development and Learning of Children Entering Kindergarten (2015) http://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-early-education-early-learning-standards.pdf</p>	Birth to Grade 3
Virginia	<p>Virginia’s Milestones of Child Development (2013) http://va.gapitc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Milestones_Revised2014.pdf</p>	Birth to 5 years
Washington	<p>Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines: (2012) http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/development/docs/guidelines.pdf</p>	Birth through 3rd Grade

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West Virginia	West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework: Content Standards and Learning Criteria for Pre-Kindergarten https://wvde.state.wv.us/oel/docs/earlylearning_standardsframework_brochureWEB.pdf	3 to 5 years
	West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework: Infant Toddler http://www.wvearlychildhood.org/resources/WV_Early_Learning_Standards_Framework_Infant_Toddler.pdf	Birth to 3 years
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (2013) http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/documents/WMELS4thEdition_web_edition2.pdf	Birth to 1st Grade
Wyoming	Wyoming Early Learning Foundations for Ages 3 to 5 (2014) https://edu.wyoming.gov/downloads/early-childhood/2014/14-align-0009-early-learning-foundations-spreads-1.pdf	3 to 5 years

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