

Table 1.1 (*continued*)

Social–Emotional Development		
California Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Foundations	California Preschool Learning Foundations	California Content Standards Kindergarten
Social–Emotional Development	Social–Emotional Development	Health Education
	Social Interaction	Mental, Emotional, and Social Health
Interactions with Adults	→ Interactions with Familiar Adults	
Interactions with Peers	→ Interactions with Peers Group Participation Cooperation and Responsibility	→ Interpersonal Communication
Relationships		
Relationship with Adults	→ [Attachment to Parents Close Relationships with Teachers and Caregivers]-> [Essential Concepts Analyzing Influences Accessing Valid Information
Relationship with Peers	→ Friendships	

Table 1.2 Detailed View of the Alignment Between the Social–Emotional Domain and the California Content Standards		
California Preschool Learning Foundations		California Content Standards Kindergarten
Domain: Social–Emotional Development		Domain: Health Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental, Emotional, and Social Health
Strand: Self		Content Area: Mental, Emotional, and Social Health
1.0 Self-Awareness		Standard 1: Essential Concepts
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	By the end of kindergarten
1.1 Describe their physical characteristics, behavior, and abilities positively.	1.1 Compare their characteristics with those of others and display a growing awareness of their psychological characteristics, such as thoughts and feelings.	1.4 Describe characteristics that make each individual unique. Other areas covered in the health education content standards under Mental, Emotional, and Social Health for kindergarten: Standard 1: Essential Concepts 1.2 Describe the characteristics of families. 1.5 Describe and practice situations when it is appropriate to use “Please,” “Thank you,” “Excuse me,” and “I’m sorry.”

2.0 Self-Regulation		Standard 4: Interpersonal Communication Standard 7: Practicing Health-Enhancing Behaviors
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	By the end of kindergarten
2.1 Need adult guidance in managing their attention, feelings, and impulses and show some effort at self-control.	2.1 Regulate their attention, thoughts, feelings, and impulses more consistently, although adult guidance is sometimes necessary.	Standard 4: Interpersonal Communication 4.1 Show how to express personal needs and wants appropriately. Standard 7: Practicing Health-Enhancing Behaviors 7.1 Express emotions appropriately.
3.0 Social and Emotional Understanding		Standard 1: Essential Concepts
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	By the end of kindergarten
3.1 Seek to understand people's feelings and behavior; notice diversity in human characteristics; and are interested in how people are similar and different.	3.1 Begin to comprehend the mental and psychological reasons people act as they do and how they contribute to differences between people.	1.1 Identify a variety of emotions.
4.0 Empathy and Caring		Standard 6: Goal Setting Standard 7: Practicing Health-Enhancing Behaviors
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	By the end of kindergarten
4.1 Demonstrate concern for the needs of others and people in distress.	4.1 Respond to another's distress and needs with sympathetic caring and are more likely to assist.	Standard 6: Goal Setting 6.1 Make a plan to help family members at home. Standard 7: Practicing Health-Enhancing Behaviors 7.2 Describe positive ways to show care, consideration, and concern for others.

5.0 Initiative in Learning		
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	
5.1 Enjoy learning and are confident in their abilities to make new discoveries although may not persist at solving difficult problems.	5.1 Take greater initiative in making new discoveries, identifying new solutions, and persisting in trying to figure things out.	
Strand: Social Interaction		Content Area: Mental, Emotional, and Social Health
1.0 Interactions with Familiar Adults		
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	
1.1 Interact with familiar adults comfortably and competently, especially in familiar settings.	1.1 Participate in longer and more reciprocal interactions with familiar adults and take greater initiative in social interaction.	
2.0 Interactions with Peers		Standard 4: Interpersonal Communication
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	By the end of kindergarten
2.1 Interact easily with peers in shared activities that occasionally become cooperative efforts.	2.1 More actively and intentionally cooperate with each other.	4.2 Cooperate and share with others.

2.2 Participate in simple sequences of pretend play.	2.2 Create more complex sequences of pretend play that involve planning, coordination of roles, and cooperation.	
2.3 Seek assistance in resolving peer conflict, especially when disagreements have escalated into physical aggression.	2.3 Negotiate with each other, seeking adult assistance when needed, and increasingly use words to respond to conflict. Disagreements may be expressed with verbal taunting in addition to physical aggression.	
3.0 Group Participation		
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	
3.1 Participate in group activities and are beginning to understand and cooperate with social expectations, group rules, and roles.	3.1 Participate positively and cooperatively as group members.	
4.0 Cooperation and Responsibility		
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	
4.1 Seek to cooperate with adult instructions but their capacities for self-control are limited, especially when they are frustrated or upset.	4.1 Have growing capacities for self-control and are motivated to cooperate in order to receive adult approval and think approvingly of themselves.	

Strand: Relationships		Content Area: Mental, Emotional, and Social Health
1.0 Attachment to Parents		Standard 1: Essential Concepts Standard 2: Analyzing Influences Standard 3: Accessing Valid Information
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	By the end of kindergarten
1.1 Seek security and support from their primary family attachment figures.	1.1 Take greater initiative in seeking support from their primary family attachment figures.	Standard 1: Essential Concepts 1.2 Identify trusted adults at home and at school. Standard 2: Analyzing Influences 2.1 Identify ways family and friends help promote well-being. Standard 3: Accessing Valid Information 3.1 Identify trusted adults at home and at school who can help with mental and emotional health concerns.
1.2 Contribute to maintaining positive relationships with their primary family attachment figures.	1.2 Contribute to positive mutual cooperation with their primary family attachment figures.	
1.3 After experience with out-of-home care, manage departures and separations from primary family attachment figures with the teacher's assistance.	1.3 After experience with out-of-home care, comfortably depart from their primary family attachment figures. Also maintain well-being while apart from primary family attachment figures during the day.	

2.0 Close Relationships with Teachers and Caregivers		Standard 1: Essential Concepts Standard 3: Accessing Valid Information
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	By the end of kindergarten
2.1 Seek security and support from their primary teachers and caregivers.	2.1 Take greater initiative in seeking the support of their primary teachers and caregivers.	Standard 1: Essential Concepts 1.3 Identify trusted adults at home and at school. Standard 3: Accessing Valid Information 3.1 Identify trusted adults at home and at school who can help with mental and emotional health concerns.
2.2 Contribute to maintaining positive relationships with primary teachers and caregivers.	2.2 Contribute to positive mutual cooperation with primary teachers and caregivers.	
3.0 Friendships		
At around 48 months	At around 60 months	
3.1 Choose to play with one or two peers whom they identify as friends.	3.1 Friendships are more reciprocal, exclusive, and enduring.	
		Other areas covered in the health education content standards for kindergarten under Mental, Emotional, and Social Health: Standard 8: Health Promotion 8.1 Encourage others when they engage in safe and healthy behaviors.