

What is a Learning Progression?

AIM Observational assessment has defined 60 essential knowledge and skills that important for kindergarten success. We call these Learning Progressions. We call these Learning Progressions because (in most cases) they emerge at infancy or toddlerhood and continue to develop in complexity and scope into the kindergarten year. Each Learning Progression is measured along a 9-level continuum of growth.

9-Level Continuum

In the AIM Observational assessment each of the 60 Learning Progressions includes a 9-level continuum. These nine levels outline how a specific progression emerges and develops over time. Each level is associated with an age range during which it would most typically occur or mature. Most progressions emerge in infancy, but others will emerge beginning in toddlerhood or the early preschool years. Regardless of when these progressions emerge, they all continue to develop through the kindergarten year.

Looking at the progression below, the level range doesn't begin until 3.1 because the progression isn't expected to emerge until toddlerhood. If a teacher feels the child is not at the level of 3.1 for this particular progression based on age or behavior, then the progression should not be measured at all for that child.

Cognition/Mathematics (CM)		CM.C.2.
Geometry and Measurement: Shape		
CM.C.2. Two-Dimensional Shapes		
Explores two-dimensional shapes and expands ability to match, identify and describe these figures.		
Level	Range	Indicators
Level 1 Infant (0-9 months) ↓	Emerging	1.1
	Progressing	1.5
	Ready	1.9
Level 2 Infant (8-18 months) ↓	Emerging	2.1
	Progressing	2.5
	Ready	2.9
Level 3 Toddler (16-24 months) ↓	Emerging	3.1
	Progressing	3.5
	Ready	3.9
Level 4 Toddler (24-30 months) ↓	Emerging	4.1
	Progressing	4.5
	Ready	4.9
Level 5 Preschool Entry (30-36 months) ↓	Emerging	5.1
	Progressing	5.5
	Ready	5.9
Level 6 Preschool Beginning (3 to 4 years old) ↓	Emerging	6.1
	Progressing	6.5
	Ready	6.9
Level 7 Preschool Middle (4 years old) ↓	Emerging	7.1
	Progressing	7.5
	Ready	7.9
Level 8 Preschool Exit (4 to 5 years old) ↓	Emerging	8.1
	Progressing	8.5
	Ready	8.9
Level 9 Kindergarten (5 to 6 years old) ↓	Emerging	9.1
	Progressing	9.5
	Ready	9.9