

Communication skills and general knowledge domain



Key concepts

- Demonstrates excellent communication skills
- Participates in story-telling/imaginative play
- Communicates easily and effectively
- Able to demonstrate general knowledge



Connections to key documents

Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

- Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

- Children respond to diversity with respect

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

- Children develop a range of learning and thinking skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating
- Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

- Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes
- Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media

National Quality Standard (NQS)

Quality area 1: Educational program and practice

- 1.1.1: Curriculum decision making contributes to each child's learning and development outcomes in relation to their identity, connection with community, wellbeing, confidence as learners and effectiveness as communicators
- 1.2.3: Each child's agency is promoted, enabling them to make choices and decisions that influence events and their world

Quality area 5: Relationships with children

- 5.1.1: Responsive and meaningful interactions build trusting relationships which engage and support each child to feel secure, confident and included

Quality area 6: Collaborative partnership with families and communities

- 6.1.2: The expertise, culture, values and beliefs of families are respected and families share in decision-making about their child's learning and wellbeing
- 6.1.3: Current information is available to families about the service and relevant community services and resources to support parenting and family wellbeing
- 6.2.3: The service builds relationships and engages with its community

Connections to key documents

WA Curriculum

English

Strand: Language

- Sub-strand: Language for interaction

Strand: Literacy

- Sub-strand: Interacting with others

Science

Strand: Science understanding

- Sub-strand: Biological sciences
- Sub-strand: Physical sciences
- Sub-strand: Chemical sciences

Strand: Science inquiry skills

- Sub-strand: Questioning and predicting
- Sub-strand: Processing and analysing data and information

Humanities and Social Skills (HASS)

Strand: Humanities and social sciences skills

- Sub-strand: Questioning and researching
- Sub-strand: Analysing
- Sub-strand: Communicating

The Arts

Drama

Strand: Making - Ideas, Skills, Performance

Strand: Responding

Technologies

Design and Technologies

Strand: Knowledge and understanding

- Sub-strand: Designing and making

Connections to key documents

<p>WA Curriculum</p>	<p>General Capabilities</p> <p>Literacy</p> <p>Element: Word knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-element: Understand learning area vocabulary <p>Creative and Critical Thinking</p> <p>Element: Inquiring - identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-element: Pose questions • Sub-element: Identify and clarify information and ideas <p>Element: Generating ideas, possibilities and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-element: Imagine possibilities and connect ideas • Sub-element: Consider alternatives • Sub-element: Seek solutions and put ideas into action <p>Personal and Social Capability</p> <p>Element: Social management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-element: Communicate effectively
<p>Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework</p>	<p>Relationships</p> <p>Leadership</p> <p>Teaching</p> <p>Learning Environment</p> <p>Resources</p>
<p>Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (AITSL)</p>	<p>Standard 1: Know students and how they learn</p> <p>1.1: Physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students</p> <p>1.2: Understand how students learn</p> <p>1.3: Students with diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds</p> <p>1.4: Strategies for teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students</p> <p>1.5: Differentiate teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities</p> <p>1.6: Strategies to support full participation of students with disability</p> <p>Standard 2: Know the content and how to teach it</p> <p>2.1: Content and teaching strategies of the teaching area</p> <p>2.3: Curriculum, assessment and reporting</p> <p>2.5: Literacy and numeracy strategies</p> <p>Standard 3: Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning</p> <p>3.6: Evaluate and improve teaching programs</p> <p>3.7: Engage parents/carers in the educative process</p>

Connections to key documents

<p>Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (AITSL)</p>	<p>Standard 4: Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments</p> <p>4.1: Support student participation</p> <p>Standard 5: Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning</p> <p>5.1: Assess student learning</p> <p>5.3: Make consistent and comparable judgements</p> <p>5.4: Interpret student data</p> <p>Standard 6: Engage in professional learning</p> <p>6.2: Engage in professional learning and improve practice</p> <p>6.3: Engage with colleagues and improve practice</p> <p>6.4: Apply professional learning and improve student learning</p> <p>Standard 7: Engage professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community</p> <p>7.3: Engage with the parents/carers</p> <p>7.4: Engage with professional teaching networks and broader communities</p>
<p>Australian Professional Standard for Principals (AITSL)</p>	<p>Leading teaching and learning</p> <p>Developing self and others</p> <p>Leading improvement, innovation and change</p> <p>Leading the management of the school</p> <p>Engaging and working with the community</p>

The links between the AEDC domains and key documents are a guide only. Additional links can be explored and applied. Find out more at www.aedc.gov.au and www.education.wa.edu.au/aedc-resources-for-educators

Since 2002, the Australian Government has worked in partnership with eminent child health research institutes, the Centre for Community Child Health at The Royal Children's Hospital and the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, and The Kids Research Institute Australia to deliver the Australian Early Development Census program to communities nationwide. The Australian Government continues to work with its partners and with state and territory governments to implement the AEDC.

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