

# Social Skills Basics Checklist

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- Social Play
  - Maintain proximity to peers within 1 foot.
  - Take turns during simple games.
  - Play associatively with other children.
  - Respond to interactions.
  - Use appropriate greetings.
  - Invite others to play.
  - Organize play by suggesting play plan.
  - Follow another peers play ideas.
  - Give up toys and materials to peers.
  - Offer toys and materials to peers.
- Emotions
  - Identify likes and dislikes.
  - Identify and label emotions in self.
  - Identify emotions in others.
  - Demonstrate affection.
  - Demonstrate empathy toward peers.
  - Uses tone of voice to convey a message.
  - Allow others to comfort him/her.
  - Deal with being teased in acceptable ways.
  - Accept losing at a game without becoming upset.
  - Deals with winning appropriately.
  - Accept making mistakes without becoming upset or angry.
  - Accept unexpected changes.
  - Identify problems.
  - Generate solutions.
- Group Skills
  - Seek assistance from adults and/or peers.
  - Give assistance to peers.
  - Use appropriate attention seeking behaviors.
  - Remain with group.

- Follow the group routine.
- Accept interruptions/unexpected change.
- Communication
  - Initiate a conversation.
  - Ask 'Wh' questions for information.
  - Respond to 'Wh' questions.
  - Make a variety of comments.
  - Introduce him/herself to someone new.
  - Maintain appropriate eye contact.
  - Use an appropriate voice volume.
  - Answer simple social questions.
  - Answer questions about past events.
  - Use mannerly words like please, thank you, and you're welcome.
  - Give compliments regularly to others.