Vermont Early Learning Standards Shorthand Guide

Use these abbreviations to create shorthand that refers to a specific location within the [Vermont Early Learning Standards](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/early-education-early-learning-standards) (VELS). Here’s how.

| Shorthand | Domain |
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| **AL** | Approaches to Learning |
| **SE** | Social and Emotional Development |
| **GR** | Growing, Moving, and Being Healthy |
| **LA** | Language Development |
| **LI** | Literacy Development |
| **CR** | Creative Arts and Expression |
| **MA** | Mathematics |
| **SC** | Science |
| **SS** | Social Studies |

| Shorthand | Age Group |
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| **IN** | Infants (0-12 months) |
| **YT** | Young Toddler (9-18 months) |
| **OT** | Older Toddler (18-36 months) |
| **YP** | Younger Preschooler (36-48 months) |
| **OP** | Older Preschooler (48-60 months) |
| **K** | Kindergarten |
| **FG** | First Grade |
| **SG** | Second Grade |
| **TG** | Third Grade |

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Here are some additional examples of how to write in VELS shorthand:

Creative Arts and Expression (CR) + Music (Element 2) + Children engage in making and listening to music etc. (Goal 1) + Younger Preschoolers (YP) + repeat a short melody (Indicator 2) could be written as **CR 2.1.YP.2.** This is shorthand for an indicator on page 94 of the VELS.

Mathematics (MA) + Operations and Algebraic Thinking (Element 2b) + children develop and use concepts, properties, and representations etc. (Goal 1) + first graders (FG) + solve word problems that call for addition of three whole numbers whose sum is less than or equal to 20 (indicator 2) could be written as **MA 2b.1.FG.2.** This is shorthand for an indicator on page 81 of the VELS.

Vermont Early Learning Standards Resources

Free resources are available online to help families and professionals learn about and use the Vermont Early Learning Standards (VELS) to support each and every child. Here are some examples.

VELS resources for families and professionals

[**http://education.vermont.gov/documents/early-education-early-learning-standards**](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/early-education-early-learning-standards)

Resources on each domain of the VELS [**http://fpg.unc.edu/presentations/vermont-resource-collections**](http://fpg.unc.edu/presentations/vermont-resource-collections)

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