

# Social Development by Grade

*What does typical social development look like over time?*

<b>Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	Development of preferred playmates or "best friends"
	More cooperative with rules
	Understand the differences between real life and pretend play
	Develop sensitivity to the feelings of others
	Begin to understand embarrassment
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Can control anger more of the time and express emotions appropriately
	Show good sportsmanship
	Aware of what's fair and unfair
	Able to choose the best decision to a problem and analyze if the solution is working
	Spends time with a few close friends
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Value the opinion of friends and might have a desire to be liked or "popular"
	More likely to be sensitive to what others think of them
	Become more self-sufficient with homework and organizational skills
	Question authority and family values as their personal morals develop
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Seek out new experiences
	Increased independence and taking responsibility for own actions
	Understand that their actions have consequences now and in the future
	Know their strengths and weaknesses