

Letter Formation Vocabulary:

- Lines
 - Top line
 - Middle line
 - Bottom line
- Actions
 - Slant
 - Across
 - Around
 - Stop
 - Curve
- Directions:
 - Down
 - Up
 - Left
 - Right

*around means starting with a circle (like an o) and not a stopped curve (like a c)

*feel free to add “left” and “right” descriptors, as needed, to support students’ learning

Letter Formation Verbal Pathways (modified from Phonics First)

- A** top line, slant down left, hop to the top, slant down right, across middle
- B** top line, down, hop to the top, around, around
- C** top line, around, stop
- D** top line, down, hop to the top, around
- E** top line, down, hop to the top, across, hop to the middle, across, hop to the bottom, across
- F** top line, down, hop to the top, across, hop to the middle, across
- G** top line, around to the middle, straight line back
- H** top line, down, hop to the top & right, down, hop to the middle, across
- I** top line, down, hop to the top, across, hop to the bottom across
- J** top line, down, curve up to the left, hop to the top, across
- K** top line, down, hop to the top & right, slant in, slant out
- L** top line, down, across bottom
- M** top line, down, hop to the top, slant down, slant up, down
- N** top line, down, hop to the top, slant down, up
- O** top line, around
- P** top line, down, hop to the top, around to the middle
- Q** top line, around, hop to the bottom, slant down
- R** top line, down, hop to the top, around to the middle, slant down
- S** top line, curve left, curve right
- T** top line, down, hop to the top, across top line
- U** top line, down, curve up
- V** top line, slant down, slant up
- W** top line, slant down, slant up, slant down, slant up
- X** top line, slant right, hop to the top, slant left
- Y** top line, slant to middle line, hop to top & right, slant to middle line, down
- Z** top line, across, slant left, across

Letter Formation Verbal Pathways (modified from Phonics First)

- a** middle line, around, down
- b** top line, down, up to middle line, around
- c** middle line, around, stop
- d** middle line, around, up to top line, down
- e** middle line, across, around, stop
- f** top line, curve, down, hop to the middle line, across
- g*** middle line, around, down, curve under bottom line
- h** top line, down, up to middle, curve down
- i** middle line, down, hop to the middle, dot
- j** middle line, down, curve left under bottom line, hop to the middle, dot
- k** top line, down, hop to the middle line & right, slant in, slant out
- l** top line, down
- m** middle line, down, up to middle, curve down, up to middle, curve down
- n** middle line, down, up to middle, curve down
- o** middle line, around
- p** middle line, down under bottom line, up to middle, around
- q** middle line, around, down under bottom line, curve up
- r** middle line, down, up to middle, curve stop
- s** middle line, curve left, curve right
- t** top line, down, hop to the middle, across middle
- u** middle line, down, curve up, down
- v** middle line, slant down, slant up
- w** middle line, slant down, slant up, slant down, slant up
- x** middle line, slant right, hop to the middle, slant left
- y** middle line, slant down to right, hop to the middle, slant left below bottom line
- z** middle line, across, slant left, across