## SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure S1. Related to Figures 1&2. GRHL2 binding correlates with nucleosome removal and full enhancer activation. A) Principal component analysis of Combat batch-normalized RNA-seq data for ESCs, EpiLCs, inner cell mass (ICM), and pre- and post-implantation epiblast. B) Quantitative PCR of the Grainyhead family of TFs (Grhl1, 2, and 3) in EpiLCs vs ESCs. Error bars indicate standard deviation for n=3 biological replicates. p<0.05 for GRHL2 and GRHL3. C) A pair of guide RNAs against exon 2 of Grhl2 were designed (cut sites indicated by black triangles) and introduced along with Cas9 nickase to generate protein truncations. Primers surrounding the target site (green arrows) were designed to amplify the region by PCR for sequencing verification. Positive clones were verified by western blot using a GRHL2 antibody (arrow indicates specific band). TBP = TATA binding protein loading control D) Metagene analysis for K4me3 at GRHL2 sites and all active transcriptional start sites in EpiLCs (having at least 1 count per million). E) Heatmaps for enhancer marks in ESCs and EpiLCs at GRHL2 sites that were identified relative to IgG and that contain a GRHL2 motif. All plots are shown for an 8kb window centered at GRHL2 binding sites. Sites are shown in descending order based on mean GRHL2 ChIP signal intensity. F) Heatmaps for enhancer marks in ESCs and EpiLCs at GRHL2 sites that were identified relative to IgG but lack a GRHL2 motif. All plots are shown for an 8kb window centered at GRHL2 binding sites. Sites are shown in descending order based on mean GRHL2 ChIP signal intensity. G) Metagene analysis at GRHL2 sites for K4me1 signal in ESCs and EpiLCs (Buecker et al. 2014). H) Metagene analysis at GRHL2 sites for K27ac signal in ESCs and EpiLCs (Buecker et al. 2014). I) Metagene analysis of average signal across SMC1 sites common to both ESCs and EpiLCs in wildtype ESCs and EpiLCs. All plots are shown for an 8000bp window centered at SMC1 binding sites.

Figure S2. Related to Figure 3. GRHL2 is necessary for full enhancer activation. A) Heatmaps for enhancer marks in WT and GRHL2 KO EpiLCs at GRHL2 sites that were identified relative to IgG and that contain a GRHL2 motif. All plots are shown for an 8kb window centered at GRHL2 binding sites. Sites are shown in descending order based on mean GRHL2 ChIP signal intensity. B) Heatmaps for enhancer marks in WT and GRHL2 KO EpiLCs at GRHL2 sites that were identified relative to IgG but lack a GRHL2 motif. All plots are shown for an 8kb window centered at GRHL2 binding sites. Sites are shown in descending order based on mean GRHL2 ChIP signal intensity. C) Metagene analysis of average signal across EpiLC-specific SMC1 sites (minus sites co-bound by GRHL2) in GRHL2 knockout and wildtype EpiLCs. All plots are shown for an 8000bp window centered at SMC1 binding sites. D) Quantitative RT PCR in wildtype (V6.5) and GRHL2 knockout ESCs and EpiLCs was performed for naïve (Klf2, Klf4, Rex1) and formative (Fgf5, Otx2, Dnmt3b) markers, and a fold change was calculated in EpiLCs vs ESCs for each line. Error bars indicate standard deviation for n=4 biological replicates. p<0.05 for Dnmt3b only in WT vs KO.

**Figure S3. Related to Figure 3. GRHL2 is sufficient for full enhancer activation.** A) V6.5 ESCs containing *Rosa26*-M2rtTA and a modified *ColA1* locus containing a neomycin resistance gene flanked by FRT sites and a

promoterless, ATG-less hygromycin resistance cassette were targeted with a plasmid containing a dox-inducible HA-GRHL2 insert. The entire plasmid is inserted downstream of the ColA1 locus via co-electroporation of a Flp recombinase plasmid, replacing the neomycin gene. Correct insertion of the targeting construct places a PGK promoter followed by an ATG start codon right next to the hygromycin sequence, allowing positive clones to be selected with hygromycin treatment. B) Western blot for GRHL2 of hygromycin resistant clones plus or minus 24 hours of doxycycline treatment. TBP = TATA binding protein loading control. C) Quantitative RT-PCR for GRHL2 expression in dox-inducible HA-GRHL2 ESCs treated with dox for 24 hours relative to wildtype EpiLCs. Error bars indicate standard deviation for n = 3 biological replicates. D) Heatmaps for enhancer marks in WT and GRHL2 overexpression ESCs at all ectopic GRHL2 sites that are not bound by endogenous GRHL2 in EpiLCs. All plots are shown for an 8kb window centered at GRHL2 binding sites. Sites are shown in descending order based on mean GRHL2 ChIP signal intensity. E) Fold change in expression of naïve (Klf2, Klf4, Rex1) and formative (Fgf5, Otx2, Dnmt3b) markers in WT and dox-inducible HA-GRHL2 ESCs after 24 hours of doxycycline treatment. p < 0.05 for Klf4, Rex1, and Dnmt3b by Students t-test. n = 3biological replicates.

**Figure S4. Related to Figure 4. Identification of GRHL2 target genes and alternative ESC enhancers.** A) Histogram of distances in kb between all GRHL2 sites and the nearest gene promoter within the same TAD. B) Ward hierarchical clustering of 4 independent clones of WT V6.5 and GRHL2 KO EpiLCs based on expression profiling data. C) Quantitative RT-PCR verification of microarray profiling data for significantly down-regulated GRHL2 targets in WT and GRHL2 KO EpiLCs. P < 0.05 by Students t-test for each gene, except for Elf3 (p = 0.051). Error bars indicate standard deviation for n = 3-4 biological replicates. D) Quantitative RT-PCR for GRHL2 targets in (C), but in WT and GRHL2 KO ESCs. No significant differences were observed. Error bars indicate standard deviation for n = 3 biological replicates. E) Schematic for identifying alternative ESC enhancers. We identified likely GRHL2 targets in EpiLCs by identifying the gene nearest to GRHL2 binding sites within the same TAD (based on Dixon et al. 2012). We then identified genes that are likely regulated by enhancers in ESCs by identifying genes within the same TAD that are nearest to active ESC enhancers, based on presence of a significant ATAC peak (FDR < 0.05) and both K4me1 and K27ac signal. To identify GRHL2 targets that are regulated by an enhancer in ESCs, we overlapped the ESC genes nearest to an active enhancer with GRHL2 targets in EpiLCs. To find the alternative enhancer associated with these genes in ESCs, we then matched these genes back to the corresponding enhancer sites. F) Histogram of distances in kb between GRHL2 target promoters and their corresponding alternative ESC enhancer sites.

**Figure S5. Related to Figure 5. Identification of candidate transcription factors driving GRHL2 targets in ESCs.** A) Histogram of distances in kb between GRHL2 target promoters and their corresponding KLF4 enhancer sites in ESCs. B) Western blot for KLF2 and KLF4 in Klf2 and Klf4 double knockout (DKO) ESCs. TBP = TATA-binding protein as a loading control. C) Number of genes that are significantly up- or down-regulated with KLF2/4 DKO for all genes and predicted GRHL2 targets.

**Figure S6.** Related to Figure 6. GRHL2-regulated genes undergo an enhancer switch during the ESC to EpiLC transition. A) Levels of enhancer marks (ATAC signal, H3K4me1, H3K27ac, and SMC1) at the *Jam1* locus in ESCs and EpiLCs. KLF4 and GRHL2 ChIP-seq tracks and significant binding sites are indicated by purple and blue bars, respectively. KLF4 and GRHL2 sites deleted using CRISPR are indicated. B) Fold change in *Jam1* expression with deletion of the nearby KLF4-bound enhancer (left) or GRHL2-bound enhancer (right) in ESCs and EpiLCs. \*\* indicates p < 0.01 and \*\*\* indicates p < 0.005 by Student's t-test.

**Figure S7. Related to Figure 7. GRHL2 maintains expression of epithelial and cell adhesion genes in EpiLCs.** A) Brightfield images of wildtype and GRHL2 knockout ESCs and EpiLCs. B) Gene ontology of genes predicted to be regulated by GRHL2 enhancers by GREAT analysis. C) Gene ontology analysis using Enrichr for genes nearest to GRHL2 enhancers within the same TAD. D) Expression fold change of epithelial and mesenchymal markers in wildtype EpiLCs vs ESCs measured by quantitative RT-PCR. Error bars indicate standard deviation for n=3 biological replicates. p<0.05 for *Vim* only; p=0.09 for *Cldn6*. E) Quantitative RT-PCR for EMT markers in WT and GRHL2 KO ESCs. No significant differences were observed for n = 3 biological replicates. Error bars indicate standard deviation. F) Spearman correlations in E6.5 single cell RNA- seq data for expression of GRHL2, anterior epiblast markers at E6.5 (*Cdh1*, *Otx2*, *Sox2*) and primitive streak markers (*Evx1*, *Fgf8*, *Snai1*, *T*).





Figure S2

A ColA1 locus:





Distance to GRHL2 target gene promoter (kb)

**Figure S4** 





В

С

Α





Figure S5

Jam1



В

Α







EMT marker expression in WT and GRHL2 KO ESCs



F



Tjp2

Vim

Cdh2

Slug

Snail



Cdh1

Cldn6

D



GO cellular component



**GRHL2** targets GO cellular component



Figure S7

В

С