



# Los Alamitos Unified School District 2021-22 Transitional Kindergarten Interest Form



**State Eligibility Dates for Kindergarten:**

- Child must turn five on or before Sept. 1

**State Eligibility Dates for Transitional Kindergarten (TK):**

- Child must turn five between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2

*Kindergarten age students can enroll in TK based upon space availability.*

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)                      First                                      Last

**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:**    M            F  
(Month/Day/Year)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Siblings Enrolled in District: (Name/School):** \_\_\_\_\_

What school sites would you like your child to attend? *(Please indicate your first, second and third choice.)*

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ Hopkinson Elementary    | _____ McGaugh Elementary  |
| _____ Lee Elementary          | _____ Rossmoor Elementary |
| _____ Los Alamitos Elementary | _____ Weaver Elementary   |

***Please check the appropriate Box:***

My child meets the TK age requirement by turning 5 years old between Sept. 2 and December 2.

- Yes                       No

If checked "no" above, please list the reasons why you think your child belongs in the TK Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit this interest form to your school when registering for Transitional Kindergarten.***

February 22 – 26, 2021

Registration Week for District Residents

Beginning March 8, 2021

Interdistrict Permit Requests Accepted

After March 8<sup>th</sup>, please return this form to the District Office, Attention to Lisa Wallace at:  
10293 Bloomfield Street, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

***Applications will continue to be accepted, and students will be placed where space is available.***



## Los Alamitos Unified School District Transitional Kindergarten Program

The California Kindergarten Readiness Act was signed into law in 2010. Under the law, children must turn 5 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in a regular kindergarten (RK) program. For those “young fives” (children turning five between September 2 and December 2), districts have created a transitional kindergarten (TK) program to build a bridge between early learning and regular kindergarten. TK is defined as “the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate” (*Education Code* Section 48000[d]). The dates for students to participate in a TK program are listed below. Please note that students who have fall birthdates after the dates below will only be allowed to enroll in Transitional Kindergarten. Students with a birth date after December 2 should contact the district to discuss the limited options available, space permitting.

### **The State Eligibility Dates for Kindergarten:**

- Child must turn five on or before Sept. 1

### **State Eligibility Dates for Transitional Kindergarten (TK):**

- Child must turn five between Sept. 2 & Dec. 2

*Please note that students who turn 5 years old in late spring or summer may also opt to enroll in the TK program based upon space availability.*

### **What can I expect from a TK program?**

TK is a modified kindergarten preparation program. It will introduce many of the skills needed for success to our younger students who will enter kindergarten the following year. In TK, teachers help children develop skills through activities that build confidence and communication. They also expose children to reading and math in exciting, interactive ways by using educational games to teach children about words and sentences and help them understand mathematical concepts like counting and patterns.

### **Quick Facts**

TK is a two-year kindergarten program: Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is year one and regular kindergarten is year two.

- The TK curriculum directly connects to and supports the regular kindergarten curriculum.
- TK teachers support math, literacy, and language development.
- TK teachers help students develop social and communication skills.
- Students benefit from academic and enrichment activities like art and drama.
- TK teachers are fully credentialed.
- TK students’ instructional day is the same hours as regular kindergarten.