



What Happens in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom?

In Transitional Kindergarten, teachers help children develop social skills through activities that build confidence and communication. They also expose children to reading and math in an exciting, interactive way by using educational games to teach children about words and sentences and help them understand mathematical concepts like counting and patterns.

Starting school is a very exciting time for children and their families! It begins a new chapter in their lives and sets the tone for children's future. But California's kindergarten standards and curriculum have changed over the years, and many of the skills children were once taught in first grade are now expected in kindergarten. This can make the transition into kindergarten difficult for some children, and the youngest children entering the kindergarten classroom often struggle to adjust.

TK gives children an opportunity to develop the social and academic skills and the confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

California law states when children can begin kindergarten. Date of 5th birthday must be on or before September 1st to enroll in kindergarten. If the 5th birthday is between Sept. 2nd and Dec. 31st they qualify for TK only. Students must be fully toilet trained to enroll in TK.

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children turning 5 years old between September 2 and December 31st. It gives young learners a head start and provides them with an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs.

Transitional Kindergarten:

- Is part of the public school system and is free for families
- Uses a unique, specialized curriculum that is based on the kindergarten Common Core standards and is designed to support young 5 year olds
- Is taught by credentialed teachers with extra training to teach young kindergarteners



Program Overview

- **Curriculum:** Includes early literacy learning skills, language development, and mathematical concepts
- **Social/Emotional Development:** Attention is given to supporting the child's self-expression, self-worth, and capabilities
- **Shared activities:** They participate in all kindergarten activities such as assemblies, field trips, and celebrations throughout the year
- **Learning environment:** They learn by working with the teacher in small and large groups and also have opportunities for independent exploration
- **Follows the district calendar and the school's schedule for their kindergarten classes (varies from site to site)**
- **Children are automatically enrolled in kindergarten at their home school the year following TK**



"The daily activity centers keep the children engaged and excited about learning. The teacher is phenomenal. She is warm, gentle, and has a passion for learning. The children adore her. This program is well-rounded with academics and fun. It will provide your child a thorough understanding of the basics and much more."

-Julie Froess, Parent

"We love the (two-year kindergarten) program. The teacher provides a positive and nurturing environment in which the students can learn. Plus there is a good balance between academics, art, singing, and play... we highly recommend this program..." - Erika Nichol, Parent

California's New Kindergarten System: Preparing Children to Succeed

CHILDREN ENTERING
K-12 SYSTEM IN FALL



YEAR 1
TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN

YEAR 2
KINDERGARTEN

Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two year kindergarten experience for those students who are born between September and December.

Why is Transitional Kindergarten Good for Kids?

Transitional Kindergarten provides children with an opportunity to learn in an enriching and academically challenging environment that nurtures their growth. Research shows that children who attend kindergarten readiness programs like transitional kindergarten are more likely to do well in school and attend college.

Parents all over California recognize the benefits of Transitional Kindergarten, and many parents have already been enrolling their children in similar programs, public and private, for years. Offering Transitional Kindergarten will help all of our children get the best start possible, with curriculum that is designed just for them.

Registration for Transitional Kindergarten opens in March for the 2021-22 school year. Parents are highly encouraged to begin the registration process online. Supporting registration documents will be submitted to your child's home school. In-person registration is also available at your child's home school. Transitional kindergarten placements will be made by Educational Services.

Please talk to your home school secretary for registration information.



Transitional KINDERGARTEN

A strong start for young learners



For more information
on registration,
enrollment, and
FAQ's for TK go to:
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