

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN AGE REQUIREMENTS

A child is eligible to enroll in Transitional Kindergarten if the child will have his/her fifth birthday between:

2022-2023 School Year
September 2nd - February 2nd

2023-2024 School Year
September 2nd - April 2nd

2024-2025 School Year
September 2nd - June 2nd

2025-2026 School Year
Turn 4 by September 1st



School sites offering the Transitional Kindergarten program may change from year to year, based on enrollment. For a current list of TK sites, please see the TK page of the Elementary Instruction website at:



The following items are required for enrollment:

1. Birth certificate
2. Immunization record
3. Proof of Residency
4. Identification -Picture ID

Online enrollment is available through the district website:

<https://www.sbcusd.com/>

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Transitional Kindergarten

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PROGRAM WILL TAKE
PLACE AT THE STUDENT'S
HOME SCHOOL**

What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?

The California Kindergarten Readiness Act, *SB 1381*, was signed into law in 2010. Under the new law, children must turn 5 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten. In order to support families with young kinder-aged children with fall birthdays, districts now offer a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program. This exciting and free program prepares students to be successful both academically and socially as they progress to kindergarten the following year.

Why is TK good for kids?

Transitional Kindergarten will provide children with the gift of time to build necessary social and academic skills for success throughout their school experience. Children are offered developmentally appropriate curriculum aligned with kindergarten standards, taught by credentialed teachers. The program is based on the California Common Core Kindergarten State Standards with focused instruction in literacy and numeracy.

What skills are taught in TK?

Reading:

- Heavy emphasis on developing Phonological Awareness about the sounds of the language
- Begin teaching sound-spelling relationships
- Decode (read) short words
- Fundamental Reading Comprehension: retell familiar stories; answer questions about text; identify characters, setting, and events in a story

Written and Oral Language Development:

- Express ideas in drawing and in print by using familiar words and phonetic spelling
- Speak in complete sentences and in a variety of settings with other students and adults

Mathematics:

- Count to 50 by ones
- Recognize, write, and represent numbers with objects
- Identify sets of objects in different configurations
- Solve simple addition and subtraction problems by using concrete objects

What Happens In a Transitional Kindergarten setting?

Classroom and teacher: Transitional kindergarteners have their own classroom and are taught by credentialed teachers.

Length of school day: This is a half-day program offered in a.m. or p.m. sessions, depending on the school site.

Extended school day: Before and after school programs are available at all sites for families in need of a longer day.

Shared activities: Students may participate in activities such as music and art throughout the year.

Curriculum and learning: Students learn important new skills and concepts that build on what they may have learned in preschool and help them adjust to the elementary school environment.

Learning environment: Students learn by working with the teacher in small and whole groups, and also have opportunities for independent exploration.

Transitional kindergarten is provided free of charge, regardless of income!