



What Happens in a TK Classroom?

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

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How do I know if the Transitional Kindergarten Class is right for my child?

Since birth, you have watched your child grow and develop. Every child develops at his/her own pace. Think about your child now in the areas of language, social, cognitive, and motor skills development.

Where do I register my child for Transitional Kindergarten?

You will register your child at the District Enrollment Center. You may view more information at <https://www.redlandsusd.net> under Enrollment Center.

Whom do I call if I have questions regarding Transitional Kindergarten?

If you have questions regarding Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or Kindergarten, contact your school's principal or the Department of Elementary Education at (909) 307-5300.

Supporting students with the gift of time.



**TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN
(TK)**



What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a school program that is available to young learners the year before they enter kindergarten. Research indicates that beginning kindergarten at an older age will improve student readiness, reduce remediation and special education referrals, and boost student achievement. Transitions is a bridge between the preschool years and kindergarten that provides young students an opportunity to learn and grow in a classroom designed 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 designed to meet the developmental needs of young students.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) - Give Students the Gift of Time!

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 the students future. However, 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 to be mastered in kindergarten. These changes in standards and curriculum can make the transition into kindergarten difficult for some children, and often the younger children entering the kindergarten classroom find themselves struggling to adjust.

Fortunately, California passed a law to create a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Class program, giving children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive environment that supports student development and prepares students for the challenging standards of kindergarten and beyond.

What did SB 1381: Kindergarten Readiness Act do:

- ◆ SB 1381 changed the kindergarten entry date from December 2nd to September 1st, so children enter kindergarten at age 5.
- ◆ The legislation phased in the new age requirement by moving the cut-off date one month a year for three years, beginning in 2012.
- ◆ The legislation created Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classes.
- ◆ Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience.
- ◆ Transitional kindergarten gives parents an additional option to help their children enter kindergarten more prepared to learn and succeed.

Who Attends Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?

In Redlands USD, the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program serves children born between September 2—February 2.

Children who turn 5 after February 2nd may be served in the Transitional Kindergarten program, depending upon available space at the school of residence and student assessment results.