



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.

Hacienda La Puente Transitional Kindergarten

- **Classrooms:** Transitional kindergarteners will have their own classroom taught by certificated teacher with a 12:1 student to adult ratio.
- **Length of school day:** Students will attend every day, for a full day, the same as traditional kindergarteners, at no cost to the families.
- **Curriculum and learning:** Students learn important kindergarten readiness skills emphasizing oral language development and social skills, letter and word recognition, and beginning mathematical concepts. These skills build on what they may have learned in preschool and will help them be successful in the elementary school environment.
- **Learning environment:** Students learn by working with the teacher in small and large groups and also have opportunities for independent exploration.

"I'm so glad we made the choice to enroll my son in transitional kindergarten. He's very confident in school now and he's excited to learn more."

-- Transitional Kindergarten Parent



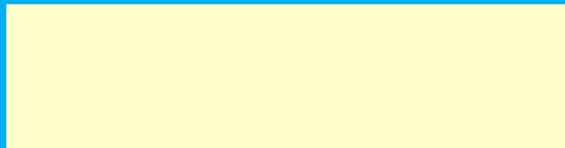
Why is Transitional Kindergarten Good for Kids?

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 kids get the best start possible, with curriculum that is designed just for them.

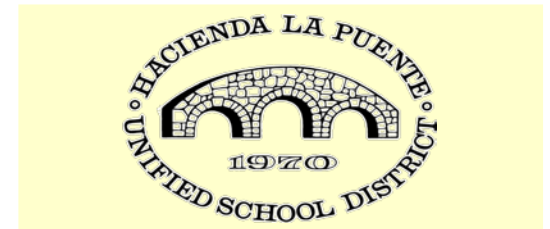
How Can I Learn More?

To learn more about **Transitional Kindergarten** and for answers to some frequently asked questions, contact your home school office



Transitional Kindergarten

A strong start for young learners





Who Attends Transitional Kindergarten?

By California law, children must turn 5 years old on or before September 1, to enroll in kindergarten. Previously, children could be enrolled in kindergarten if they turned 5 years old by December 2. While this change of a few months may seem small, it can mean a big difference during these early years when children are rapidly growing and developing.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) allows four year-old children to have an opportunity to continue building their skills and abilities. Their time in **Transitional Kindergarten** will help them to succeed in kindergarten, become leaders in the classroom and confidently navigate the school day routine. Call (626) 933-4340 for TK birthdate eligibility.

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children four years of age. 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. Call (626) 933-4340 for TK birthdate eligibility.

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.

The good news is that **Transitional Kindergarten**, gives children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive way that supports their development, while still maintaining the rigor and high standards of kindergarten.

Transitional Kindergarten will be offered to four year old children to give them an opportunity develop the social and academic skills and the confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Contact (626) 933-4340 for TK birthdate eligibility.

When Ryan first began **Transitional Kindergarten**, he had trouble focusing in class and struggled to write many words. After just a few months, Ryan's focus is much better. "He feels so much more confident now," says his mother, Monica. "**Transitional Kindergarten** was a perfect fit for him."

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 standards and is designed to support young five and four year olds
- Is taught by credentialed teachers with extra training to teach young kindergarteners



"Transitional kindergarten gives the gift of time to children who are smart and capable but need another year to grow."

- Transitional Kindergarten Teacher