



HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHAT IS TRANSITION KINDERGARTEN?

Kindergarten begins an exciting new chapter in the lives of children and their families and sets the tone for children's social and academic future. With the increasingly academic nature of Kindergarten, however, some parents find that their children are not quite ready for the pace and rigor of the Kindergarten program. These children quite often turn age five after September 1st.

The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is pleased to offer a **Transition Kindergarten** program that benefit children who need the gift of time to develop socially, emotionally, physically and/or intellectually before entering Kindergarten the following year.

Transitional Kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Teachers implement developmentally appropriate practices to accommodate various learning styles while integrating experiential "hands-on" activities in an engaging setting. This program allows students to develop skills and concepts at their own pace, and acts as a bridge between a more flexible curriculum and the academic rigor of elementary school.

Transition Kindergarten is a full-day program and follows the schedule of Traditional Kindergarten. Enrollment in Transition Kindergarten is voluntary. Parents who are interested in this program for their child may complete a parent request form available at Transitional/Kindergarten Orientation and the school office. Parent request forms are due at the time of school registration. For more information please call your home school site or 626-933-4363.