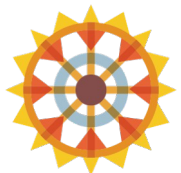


# Welcome to the Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) Parent Information Night!

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Si desea escuchar la conferencia en español:  
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Código de acceso: 2258

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Thank you for being here!  
Our presentation will start momentarily.

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Information Night  
Simi Valley Schools  
December 11, 2023

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# Welcome

## District Staff

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Erin Taggart, Director of Elementary Education

April Jacobsen, Assistant Director of Early & Expanded Learning

Laurie Cariker, Coordinator of Early Childhood Education

Jake Finch, Public Information Officer

Betsy Camacho and Ivonee Carrion, District Interpreters

## School Site Representatives

Aldo Calcagno, Principal at Arroyo Elementary School

Lori Neiman, Principal at Township Elementary School

Alison Howell, UTK teacher at Township Elementary School

## SVUSD Board Members

Trustee Sofya Bagdasaryan, Board President

Trustee Kareem Jubran

Trustee Bob LaBelle, Clerk of the Board:

Trustee Kristina Pine

Trustee Dawn Smollen



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# AGENDA

- Welcome to Simi Schools
- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program Overview
- TK Eligibility & Enrollment
- Additional Information
- Final Thoughts

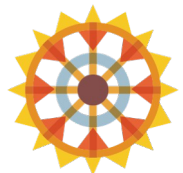
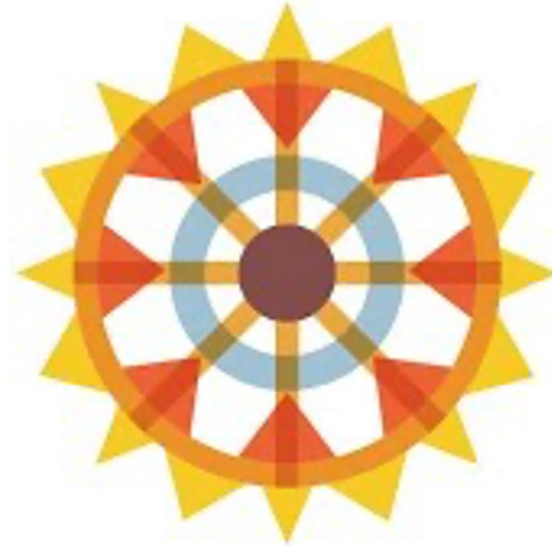






**Welcome to**  
Simi Valley Schools

# Simi Valley Schools - *Our District*



# Simi Valley Schools - *Our District, Our Promise*

The Simi Valley Unified School District offers the families of Simi Valley and the surrounding area a vibrant portfolio of educational choices built on a common sense of community, and the common purpose of inspiring each and every student to succeed in school, career and life.

We believe that the best student outcomes are achieved when we provide:

- Rigorous academic programs, relevant to a diverse and changing world;
- High expectations that respect the differences in our students;
- Exceptional instruction in an innovative learning environment;
- Opportunities for our students to build confidence and strong character;
- Participation of everyone in our students' success.

We are driven, proud and passionate about the personal and intellectual success of each and every student.

No matter where the future takes you, the road to success runs through Simi Valley.



*From Here to Anywhere*

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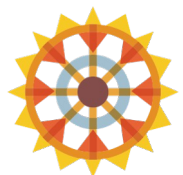


# Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program Overview

The Simi Valley Unified School District's Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program provides equitable access to a developmentally appropriate education for all 4-year-olds.

High-quality instructional staff and learning programs are provided to ensure young learners are afforded the opportunity to develop a foundation of academic and social skills.

By providing a strong foundation in the earliest years of their lives, Simi Valley Unified School District believes children have a greater opportunity for success in school and beyond  
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## UTK Program Commitments

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## Transitional Kindergarten

## Kindergarten

First year of a two-year Kindergarten program

Second year of a two-year Kindergarten program

Follows CA Dept. of Education *Preschool Learning Foundations*

Follows the CA *Subject Area Standards for Kindergarten*

Begins to establish socialization and structure within a school-based program

Increases in learning stamina and daily structure within a school-based program

Exploration, discovery, play-based learning

Center-based learning & instruction aligned with academic standards

Smaller class size and adult-to-student ratio (20:2)

Class size aligned with lower elementary class size (24:1\* average)

Eligible students must turn 4-years-old by September 1, 2024\*

Eligible students must turn 5-years-old by September 1, 2024

Enrollment process completed by District Office staff and is not part of the School of Choice process

Enrollment process completed at the school sites and students may participate in the School of Choice process

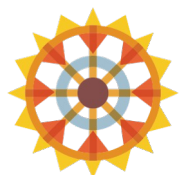
Full-school day program equal in length to the elementary bell schedule at the host school, including recess and lunch breaks

Elementary Physical Education program and motor skill development focus

High-quality, developmentally appropriate instruction

Fall progress reports, Parent Conferences, and semester report cards

Access to daily meal service



# TK & Kindergarten Programs

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## The TK Student Experience

- To help students feel comfortable in a school setting
- To help students feel confident in a variety of learning situations and environments
- To help students learn how to become learners in a room with others
- To help our students develop their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills as they strive to reach their potential
- To help our students become problem solvers
- To help our students love learning and school!





## The TK Parent/Guardian Experience:

- To help gain an understanding of the age-appropriate milestones and expectations for their children.
- To help learn ways to become active partners in their child's education in the Simi Valley Unified School District.
- To help become familiar with the resources and programs available at their child's school and across the district.
- To develop a lifelong community of peers to support the continued development and enrichment of their



# California Preschool Learning Foundations

- Developmentally appropriate instruction provides students with the necessary foundational skills
- Emphasis on providing the essential learning to support students to successfully bridge preschool to Kindergarten
- Curriculum aligns with the standards and provides the building blocks for the Kindergarten standards
- As the first year of the two-year program, the TK classroom experience provides students with the skills necessary for success in year two.





Language & Literacy

Mathematics

History & Social Science

Science

Visual & Performing Arts

Physical Development

Health

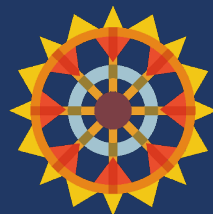
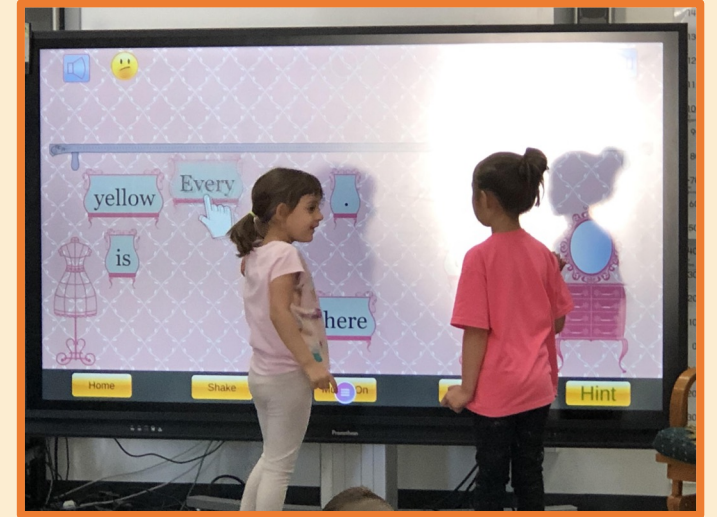
Social Emotional

Development





# Now for the fun stuff!

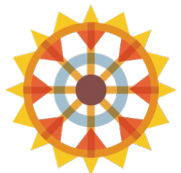


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# TK Program Highlights

- Learning through play-based learning
- Exposure to a variety of curriculum topics in a fun, meaningful way that is developmentally appropriate
- Preparing for Kindergarten by focusing on student behaviors, peer relationships, classroom expectations, and routines





# TK Program Logistics

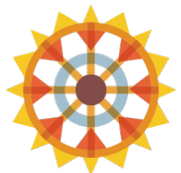
## Bathrooms

- Accessible in the classroom
- Able to take care of their own needs
- Changing independently if accidents occur

## Recess, Lunch

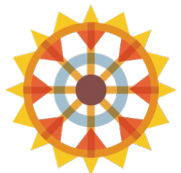
- Label everything
- Make sure your child can open items packed
- Lunch program

## Homework



# TK Program Sample Schedule

- 8:00 – 8:05 National Anthem/ Pledge of Allegiance
- 8:05 – 8:30 Morning Meeting
- 8:30 – 9:30 Centers
- 9:35 – 10:10 Snack/Recess
- 10:10 – 10:20 Story Time
- 10:20 – 11:10 Free Choice Centers
- 11:15 – 11:55 Lunch/Recess
- 11:55 – 12:30 Outside Play
- 12:30 – 1:45 Free Choice Center
- 1:45 – 2:09 Story Time/Dance/Dismissal



# How to Prepare for the First Days of School

Students are encouraged to practice appropriate independent skills needed at school:

Managing clothing:

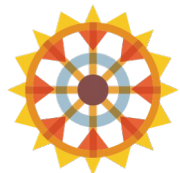
- Practice fastening buttons and using zippers.
- Putting on and taking off jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, etc.
- Shoes

Using the restroom:

- Students use the restroom independently while at school. (ie washing hands, clothing, etc)
- Your teacher will usually ask for you to send an extra set of clothing as accidents of all kinds do happen.

Accessing supplies & personal items:

- Practice using crayons/scissors/glue as well as opening/closing food containers, water bottles, & backpacks.

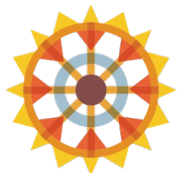




# TK Eligibility & Enrollment Process

# 2023-2024 CURRENT TK ENROLLMENT

- Opened to all students who turned 4-years-old by September 1, 2023
- 620 students placed
- Total of 27 classes located on 16 of our 18 elementary schools
- Three classes at Justin Early Learners Academy
- Two classes on eight of the elementary campuses
- Each class staffed with a certificated teacher and a paraprofessional



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When is your child's birthday?

On or before  
September 1, 2019



Your child is eligible  
for Kindergarten

July 1, 2019 -  
September 1, 2019



Your child is eligible  
for Kindergarten

OR

Your child is eligible for  
Deferred Kindergarten  
enrollment and can apply  
for Transitional  
Kindergarten\*

September 2, 2019 -  
September 1, 2020



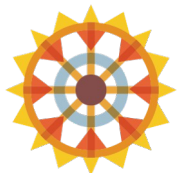
Your child is eligible  
for Transitional  
Kindergarten on a  
space available basis

\*cannot have previously  
participated in TK



# 2024-2025 TK ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- Open to all students turning 4-years-old by September 1, 2024
- The enrollment process is handled by the District Office, NOT at the school sites
- Enrollment packets will be available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily starting on January 8, 2024
- TK enrollment is NOT part of the School of Choice process
- Class locations are determined by demand and the availability of facilities
- Neighborhood schools and elementary sibling enrollment are considerations but not guarantees for placement priority
- As demand and capacity increases, additional TK classes could be established

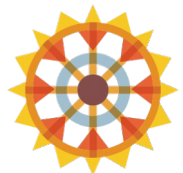


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# ENROLLMENT STEPS

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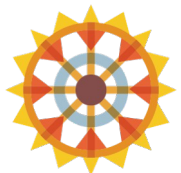
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Download a TK enrollment application from our website or pick one up from the District Office beginning on Monday, January 8.

[www.simivalleyusd.org](http://www.simivalleyusd.org)

search "Kindergarten Programs"



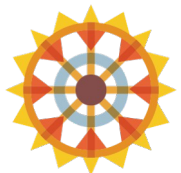
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TK packets **MUST** be complete to submit and become eligible for placement.

REQUIRED documents include:

- Enrollment Form (found in the Enrollment Packet)
- Clear copy of an original certified Birth Certificate
- Copy of your proof of Simi Valley Residency (utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage deed)
- Copy of your child's immunization records (information on next slide)



## UTK Enrollment Requirements

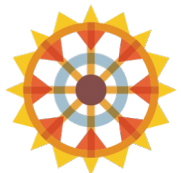
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## REQUIRED immunizations include:

- ❑ Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td): 5 doses (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday. 3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday.)
- ❑ Polio (OPV or IPV): 4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- ❑ Hepatitis B: 3 doses
- ❑ Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR): 2 doses (Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- ❑ Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses
- ❑ These immunization requirements apply to new admissions and transfers for all grades, including UTK.

**\*STUDENTS MAY NOT ATTEND THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL UNTIL ALL IMMUNIZATIONS ARE CURRENT. ATTENDANCE WILL BE DENIED.**



# TK Immunization Requirements

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# Priority Enrollment

- Priority enrollment is open until March 22, 2024.
- Priority enrollment provides families with the best opportunity to be placed at their neighborhood or sibling attended school. However, class size and classroom space will determine enrollment capacity.
- Enrollment received after March 22, 2024 will be placed based on availability of space remaining.




## How to Submit Enrollment Paperwork

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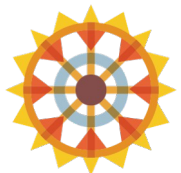


# The Dual Language Academy at Arroyo Elementary School

# Dual Language Immersion (DLI)

**SVUSD will open its 1st DLI program at Arroyo Elementary in the 2024-2025 school year**

**Two-way dual immersion** is language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language. The goal of a DLI program is proficiency and academic achievement in both languages as well as cross-cultural understanding.





**BILINGÜISMO Y  
ALFABETIZACIÓN**

**BILINGÜE**  
Bilingualism &  
Biliteracy



**LOGRO ACADÉMICO  
A NIVEL DE GRADO**

Grade-Level  
Academic  
Achievement



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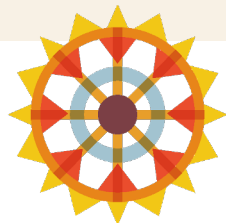
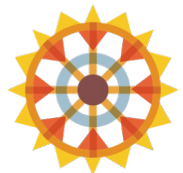
Sociocultural  
Competence





# Language Allocation

- **80/20** model in TK through 1st grades
- **70/30** in 2nd grade
- **60/40** in 3rd grade
- **50/50** in 4th and 5th grades

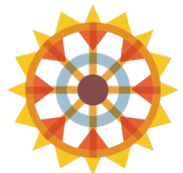


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# Additional Information

- ❖ Arroyo: YMCA
- ❖ Atherwood: YMCA
- ❖ Berylwood: Boys & Girls Club (ASES)
- ❖ Big Springs: YMCA
- ❖ Crestview: RSRPD
- ❖ Garden Grove: RSRPD
- ❖ JELA: YMCA
- ❖ Katherine: YMCA
- ❖ Knolls: RSRPD
- ❖ Madera: RSRPD
- ❖ Mountain View: RSRPD
- ❖ Park View: Boys & Girls Club (ASES)
- ❖ Santa Susana: Boys & Girls Club (ASES)
- ❖ Sycamore: YMCA
- ❖ Township: RSRPD
- ❖ White Oak: YMCA
- ❖ Wood Ranch: RSRPD



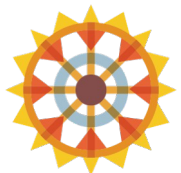
## Before and After School Care

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# Safety Considerations

- Each of our schools is a closed campus.
- All of our schools use Raptor Visitor Management System to monitor those accessing campus.
- Specific information about each school will be given at Orientations and Back to School Nights.
- School times are listed on the schools' websites, but might change next year slightly.





We will begin forming classes in April. You will receive a confirmation of your child's placement at a school site.

For more questions or concerns, please contact Breanna Loniero in Elementary Education at **805.306.4500, Ext. 4207** or by email to [breanna.loniero@simivalleyusd.org](mailto:breanna.loniero@simivalleyusd.org).

Still more information can be found on our website, [www.simivalleyusd.org](http://www.simivalleyusd.org).

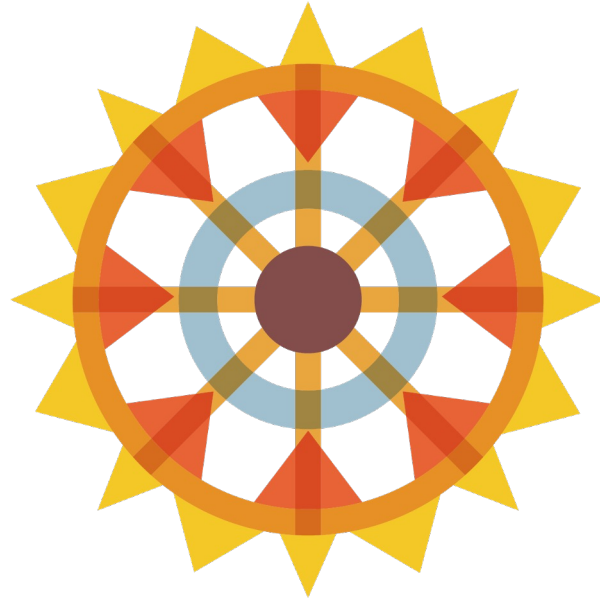


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# QUESTIONS?





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