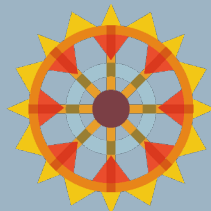


# Welcome to the Kindergarten Information Night!

Línea telefónica puente para interpretación  
Si desea escuchar la conferencia en español:  
Marque al (805) 306-4500  
Extensión: 4298  
Código de acceso: 2258

If you would like to listen to the conference in Spanish:  
Dial (805) 306-4500  
Extension: 4298  
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# Kindergarten Information Night

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# Welcome

## District Staff

Dr. Jerry Block, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services

Erin Taggart, Director of Elementary Education

Jake Finch, Public Information Officer

Betsy Camacho, District Interpreter

Ivonee Carrion, District Interpreter

## School Site Representatives

Jennifer Conmay, Principal at Wood Ranch Elementary School

## SVUSD Board Members

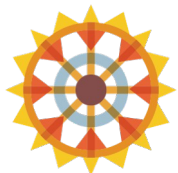
Trustee Sofya Bagdasaryan, Board President

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
- What is Kindergarten?
- Eligibility and Enrollment
- Additional Information
- Questions

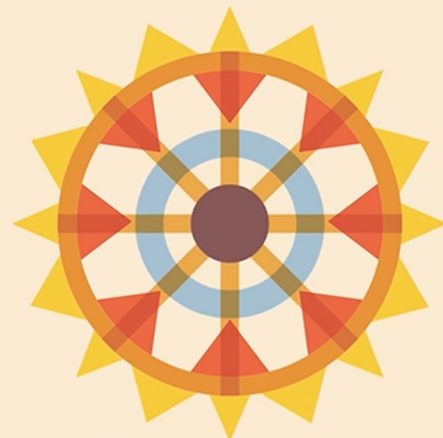






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# Simi Valley Schools - *Our District*



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

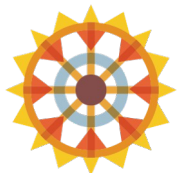
The Simi Valley Unified School District offers the families of Simi Valley and the surrounding area a vibrant portfolio of educational choices built on a common sense of community, and the common purpose of inspiring each and every student to succeed in school, career and life.

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.



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# Simi Valley Schools - *About Us*

Third largest public school district in Ventura County

28 schools: 18 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 3 comprehensive high schools, 1 continuation high school, 1 K-12 independent study, 1 adult school, 1 preschool.

About 2,100 employees (largest employer in Simi Valley).

Over 16,000 Students

43% Latino/Hispanic

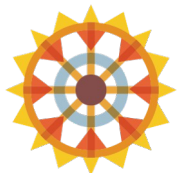
60% Overall Minority Population

41% Free-and-Reduced Lunch

About 620 UTK Students

2,300 (about 14%) Special Education Students (students with an IEP)

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Who is eligible for  
Kindergarten?

**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*



What is Kindergarten?

# Kindergarten

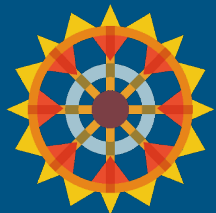
Open to children born on or before Sept. 1, 2019.

Full-day programs.

18 elementary schools throughout Simi Valley, plus Monte Vista School, our independent study school.

Every Kindergarten class offers the same curriculum, based on the California State Standards for Kindergarten.

All Kindergarten teachers are provided the same curriculum materials, supplied by the SVUSD.



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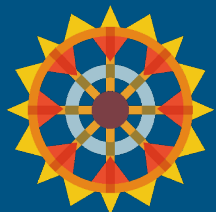
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If you're enrolling your child in your **neighborhood school**, you can submit the enrollment forms at that school site beginning **February 12, 2024**.

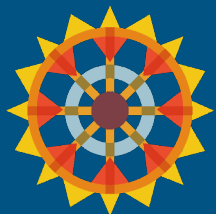
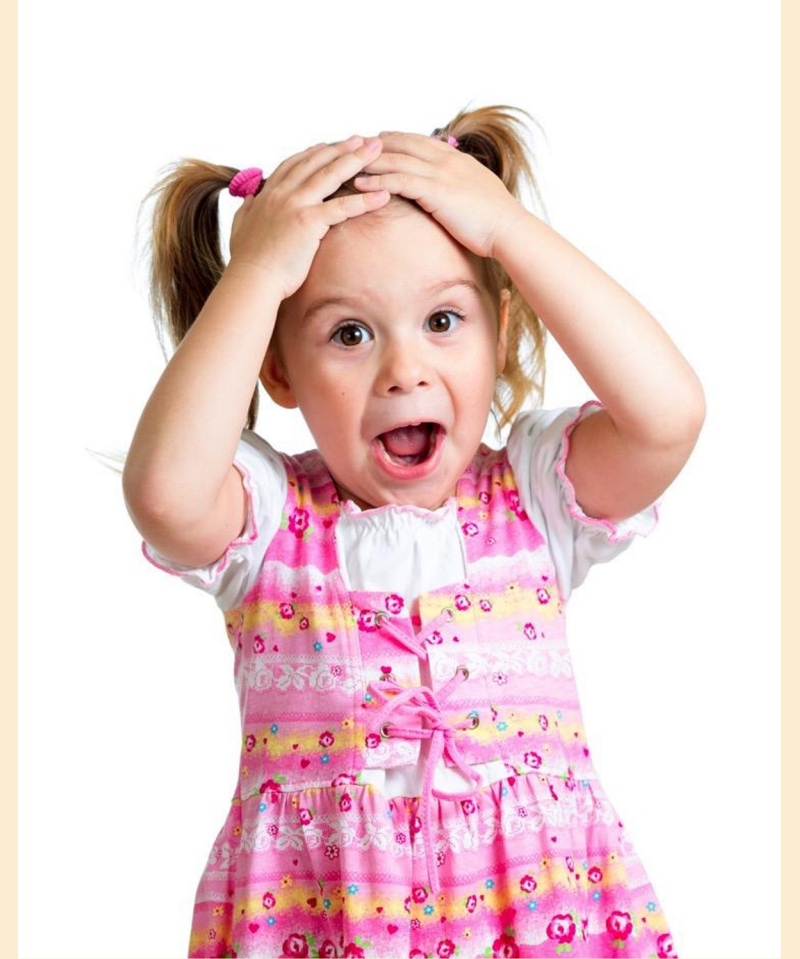
If you're considering submitting a **School of Choice** online application, the window to submit is from now until **February 9**.



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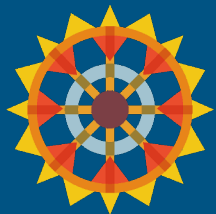
# Academic Instruction Throughout a Kindergartener's Day



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Social Emotional  
Development  
Reading & Writing  
Mathematics  
Science & Social Studies  
Physical Education  
Visual & Performing Arts  
Health

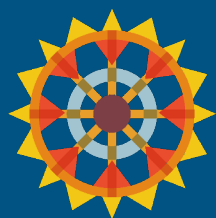


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Teachers often use a centers-based approach to instruction that allows our students to better explore materials, practice skills and work cooperatively with their peers.



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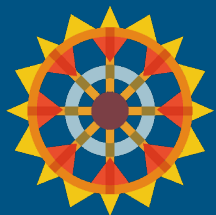
# Technology

Devices in every classroom for every student. These are used for reading, research, educational activities and instruction.

Classrooms equipped with interactive white boards and special audio devices to enhance teachers' voices so students hear better.

Teachers receive special professional development for using classroom tech as a supplemental teaching tool.

Teachers still use traditional methods to instill knowledge and a love of learning in our students.



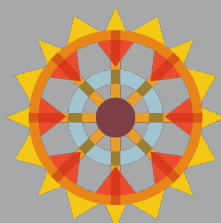
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# ENROLLMENT STEPS



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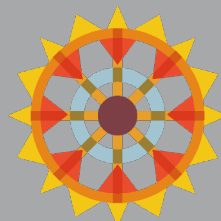
# Making an Informed Decision

The *Guide to Simi Valley Schools* can be found on the District's website at [simivalleyusd.org](https://simivalleyusd.org)

Individual School Websites

Individual School Parent Nights

School Tours



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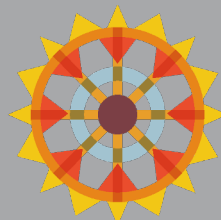
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# Neighborhood School Enrollment

Starts February 12, 2024

Go to your neighborhood  
school

No deadline, but it really helps  
if you can enroll before May  
2024



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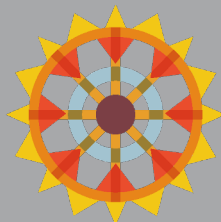


# School of Choice Application

Allows for families to apply for an OPEN seat at almost any of schools

May apply to up to three schools on the SOC Application

May still apply to one of our two fundamental schools (more to come)



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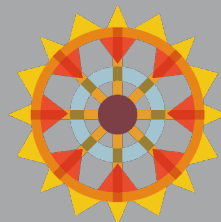
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# School of Choice Application

SOC applications must be submitted online by February 9, 2024.

For many different reasons, each school has its own timeline for when it advises families of their admission.



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# Fundamental School Information

Kindergarten Lottery  
Applications Accepted:

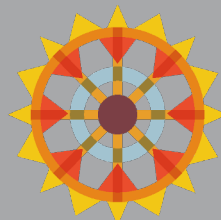
- January 8-19, 2024

Kindergarten Lottery Drawing:

- January 22, 2024

Kindergarten Lottery  
Notifications:

- Week of January 22



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# The Dual Language Academy at Arroyo Elementary School

# Dual Language Immersion (DLI)

SVUSD will open its first DLI program, called the *Dual Language Academy*, at Arroyo Elementary School in the 2024-2025 school year

**Two-way dual language immersion** is language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, Spanish in this case. 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



**COMPETENCIA  
SOCIOCULTURAL**

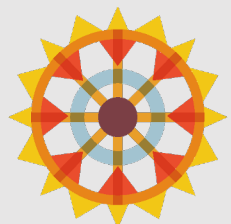
Sociocultural  
Competence





# Language Allocation

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



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# Enrollment Requirements

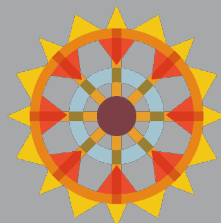
# Documents Needed Before Kindergarten

Clear copy of certified birth certificate

Copy of proof of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage deed).

Copy of immunization records

*A Report of Health Examination* form completed by physician (no earlier than 6 months before start of Kindergarten)



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# Immunizations

**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 TK.

# Also...



*An Oral Health Assessment* form completed by your dentist. The assessment can be done up to one year before the start of Kindergarten or by May 31 of the Kindergarten year.



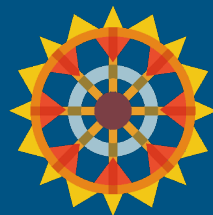
# Additional Information

## Before- and After-School Care

Three organizations operate care services: YMCA, Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District and the Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark & Simi Valley.

Many schools have care on-site through one of these organizations.

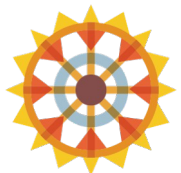
While we support the service they provide, the SVUSD is not in charge of any of these programs.



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- ❖ Arroyo: YMCA
- ❖ Atherwood: YMCA
- ❖ Berylwood: Boys & Girls Club (ASES)
- ❖ Big Springs: YMCA
- ❖ Crestview: RSRPD
- ❖ Garden Grove: RSRPD
- ❖ Hollow Hills: 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
- ❖ Vista: RSRPD
- ❖ White Oak: YMCA
- ❖ Wood Ranch: RSRPD



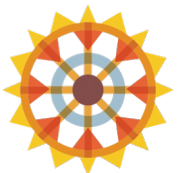
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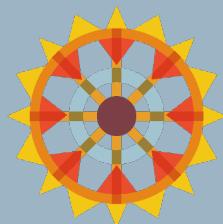
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# Safety Considerations

- Every school is a closed campus.
- Kindergarten facilities are separate from the rest of the campus.
- All schools have special camera and radio systems that connect us with the SVPD.
- 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.



Thanks to the 2016 Measure X Bond, ALL of our schools are receiving major classroom updates that include new flexible furniture, technology and equipment improvements and upgrades.

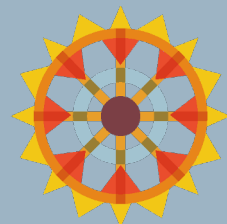


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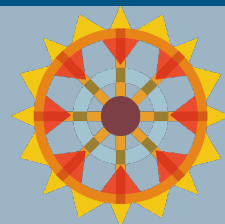


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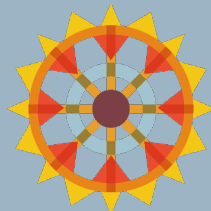
Our website,  
[simivalleyusd.org](http://simivalleyusd.org),  
has TONS of  
information about  
Enrollment,  
School of Choice,  
Fundamental  
Schools and our  
Kindergarten  
programs.

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## Kindergarten Programs \*



Studies show that children benefit from high quality, full-day Kindergarten programs. The Simi Valley Unified School District offers families throughout the district two full-day Kindergarten options, depending on your child's age.



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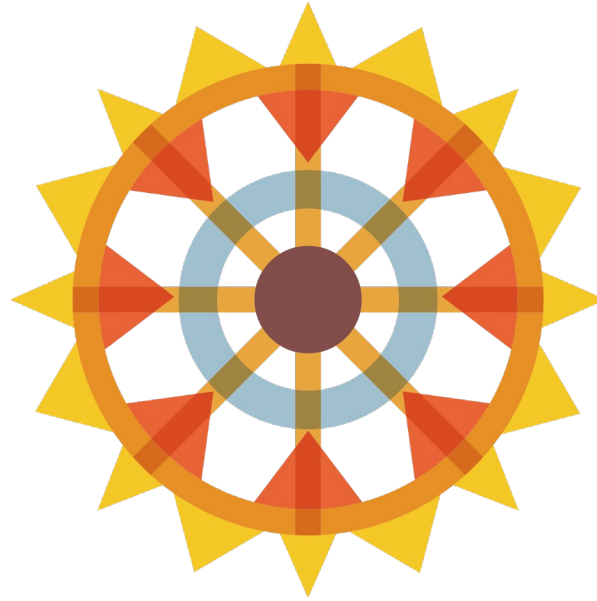
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