



Transitional Kindergarten Program Updates



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School District

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- Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) Program Initiative
- OVSD's Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program



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Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

- ◆ Must be offered to all age-eligible elementary students
- ◆ Expands access for children who turn 4 years old by September 1st
- ◆ Classroom ratios during instructional minutes (does not include recess, lunch, or nap time)
 - 1:12 with a certificated teacher
 - 2:24 with a certificated teacher and universal instructional assistant

Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) Programs



Fall 2022 | Program Implementation

- OVSD UPK Plan | Board Approved in May 2022
- Professional Development for TK Teachers began in Spring 2022 to prepare teachers in developmentally appropriate practices
- OVSD offers TK at all elementary schools

→ → **12 TK classrooms supporting over 250 students** ← ←

OVSD's TK supports a robust offering of PreKindergarten Programs for 4-5 year old students

| OVSD's Universal PreKindergarten Programs | | |
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| State-Funded Preschool (Ages 3-4-5) | Tuition-Based Preschool (Ages 3-4-5) | Transitional Kindergarten (Ages 4-5) |

Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) Programs



PreKindergarten programs prepare students for Kindergarten

- Guided by the California Preschool Foundations and Framework
- Developmentally-appropriate programs that build “school readiness skills”
- Focus in on social-emotional and pre-academic skills

Developmentally-Appropriate Practices for Four and Early-Five Year Old Students

Building Social and Emotional Skill Sets
Practicing Routines & Developing Life Skills
Whole & Small Group Activities
Play-Based Learning
Outdoor Learning
Art, Movement, Music, & More!



Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program



Age Eligibility | State Requirement

| | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 * |
|-------------------|--|---|--|---|
| State Requirement | 5 th birthday before February 2 nd | 5 th birthday before April 2 nd | 5 th birthday before June 2 nd | 4 th birthday by September 1 st |

* Full implementation in 2025-26 is based on 4th birthday

School districts have the ability to accelerate the above timeline to reach more students & families.

Age Eligibility | OVSD TK Transition

| | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|------------------------|---|---------|---------|---------|
| OVSD TK Implementation | 5 th birthday before March 2 nd | | | |

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Rationale for Accelerated Implementation

Increase Achievement & Enrollment

- Expands access to prekindergarten programs, specifically TK
- Jump starts children on a path of educational success and supports working families
- Offers a competitive program to prevent transfers out and encourage transfers into OVSD