

## Frequently Asked Questions: Transitional Kindergarten & Preschool

**1. What is transitional kindergarten (TK)?**

TK is an early learning program for students who turn 4 by August 31. It provides children who exhibit a need, an opportunity to engage in a high quality early learning experience. Per state law, Transitional Kindergarten mirrors the district's traditional kindergarten program. Learn more [here](#).

**2. What does a typical day look like for a TK student?**

Similar to a traditional kindergarten classroom students will begin school around 8:00 a.m. and finish around 2:40 p.m. They will have the opportunity to explore, play, and learn with their classmates through hands-on experiences during academic lessons in reading, mathematics, communication, writing, science and social studies. Art, PE, and free play are also experiences they will enjoy during the week.

**3. If my child gets into TK do they go to kindergarten or first grade the next year?**

In most cases, TK students will continue into regular kindergarten the following year, however there may be instances when a student is promoted to first grade instead.

**4. What is Head Start and ECEAP?**

Head Start and ECEAP are both family development programs that provide education and health and social services for children and their families. Head Start is a federally funded program while ECEAP is funded through Washington State. Learn more about [Head Start here](#) and [ECEAP here](#).

**5. What does a typical day look like for a preschool student?**

A typical day in the Head Start or ECEAP preschool includes academics such as art, science, math, and literacy; large group activities (group discussions, group writing, stories, games and music); free choice/play time; and indoor/outdoor activities.

**6. Do preschoolers go all day? Is there a ½ day option?**

Preschoolers attend a full school day from approximately 8:00-2:40. Half-day options are available by request.

**7. Where are these programs located?**

All preschool programs, including Transitional Kindergarten, Head Start, ECEAP, and Developmental Preschool, are located at the Walla Walla Center for Children & Families (WWCCF), 1150 W. Chestnut, Walla Walla.

**8. Is transportation available for Transitional Kindergarten and Preschool?**

Transportation is available to all students living within Walla Walla School District. If you want to learn more about the availability of transportation for your student, please call WWCCF at 509.527.3066.

**9. How do I decide which program to apply?**

When you apply, you are applying to all of our programs. Our registration coordinator will review your application to place you in the program that best meets your child and family's needs.

10. **How do I apply? Do I need to register with Walla Walla Public Schools too?**

You can apply online [here](#). You do not need to register with WWPS until our registration coordinator confirms your placement.

11. **When will I know if my child has been accepted into one of the programs?**

Applications are reviewed throughout the year. Families are notified when their application is under review and again when they are placed in one of our preschool programs. You can reach the registration coordinator at 509.526.1774.

12. **Who do I contact if I have more questions?**

Please call the WWCCF office at 509.527.3066 for more information. You can also find additional frequently asked questions about Transitional Kindergarten on our [website](#).