

# CUSD TK & PK

## Should I Choose TK or PK for my student?

### ***How are they the same?***

TK and PK are both based on a developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum that allows children to be active and have fun while learning important skills for reading, writing, mathematics, and social-emotional skills such as learning to listen to directions and take turns. Both classrooms follow the guidance provided in the California Transitional Kindergarten/Preschool Learning Foundations. Both are designed to prepare children for kindergarten the following year.

TK and PK are both free for children who are age eligible. Both programs are approximately 5 hours daily. Before and after school care are available for both.

At Captain Cooper Elementary only, TK and Kindergarten are combined. Parents still have the choice to enroll in Apple Pie Preschool if they are age eligible.

### ***How are they different?***

TK is located at either Carmel River or Tularcitos Elementary Schools. During the school day, the playground is shared with only Kindergarten-age children. During the before and after school care hours is combined with K-5th grade at River Rec or T-Rex.

PK is located at the Carmel Child Development Center (Carmelo). The playground is used exclusively for the PreK classes. The before and after school care is with the same or combined groups of preschool-age children.

TK classrooms have one certificated teacher with a multiple-subject credential and one classified paraeducator. The child-to-teacher ratio is 1 adult for up to 12 students, with a maximum class size of 24.

PK classrooms have two Preschool teachers with Early Childhood Education teaching permits. The child-to-teacher ratio is 1 adult for up to 8 students, with a maximum class size of 16.

