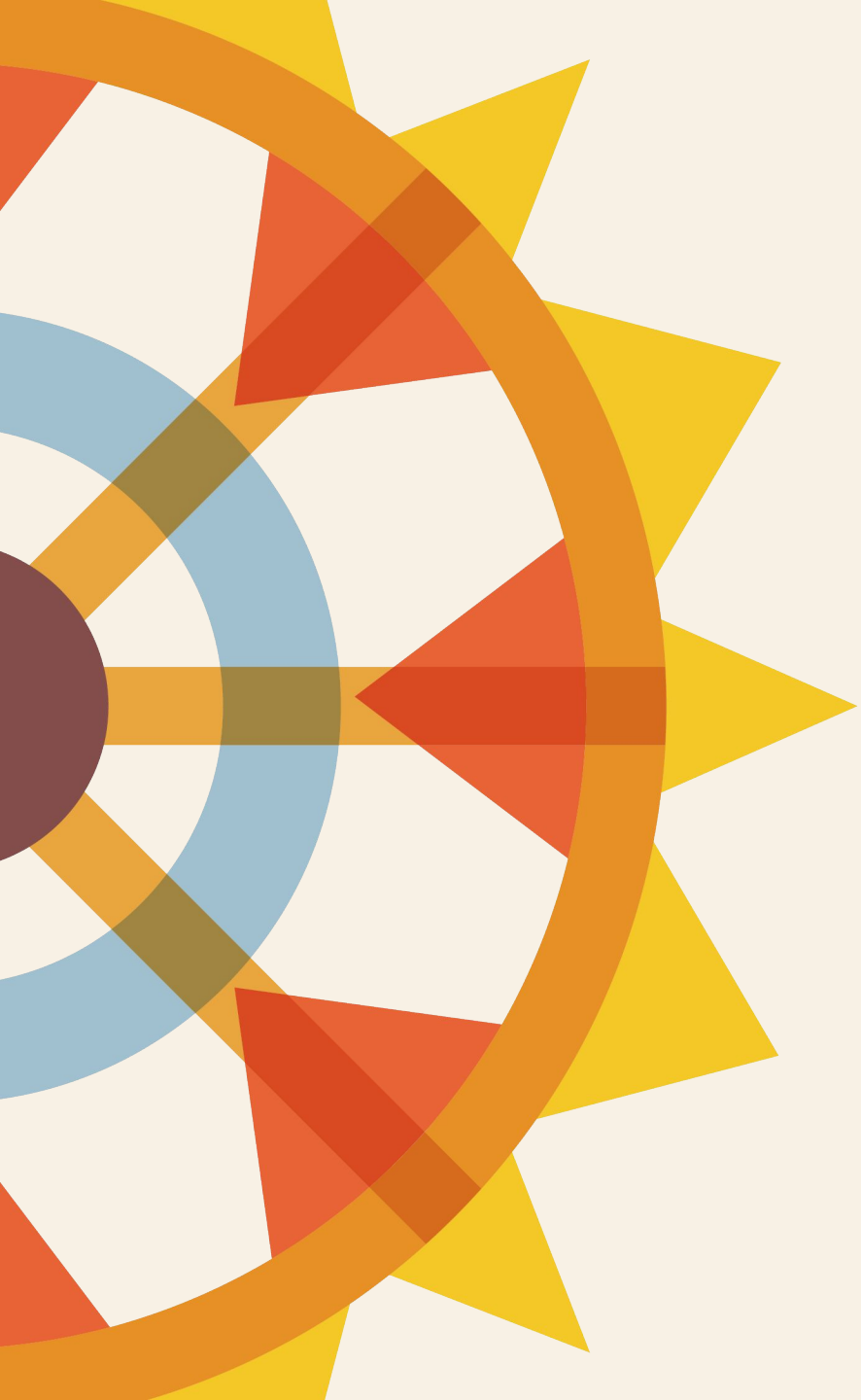




Welcome



Transitional Kindergarten
Information Night
Simi Valley Schools
December 9, 2025

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Welcome and Introductions

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Director, Elementary Education

Dr. April Jacobsen

Asst. Director, Early & Expanded
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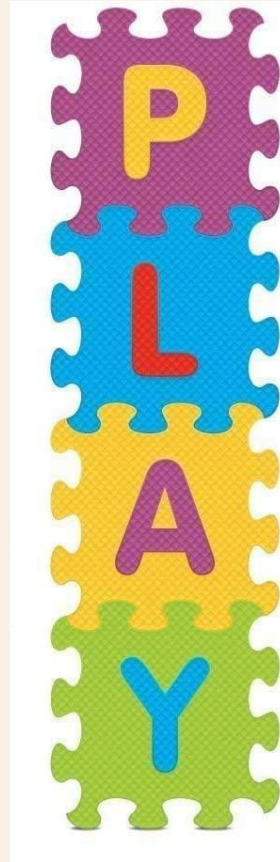
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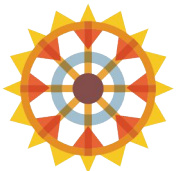
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AGENDA

- Welcome to Simi Schools
- Overview of the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program
- TK Eligibility & Timelines
- TK Enrollment Process
- FAQs and Q&A





Welcome to
Simi Valley Schools

Simi Valley Schools - *Our District, Our Promise*

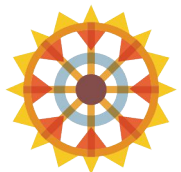
The Simi Valley Unified School District offers the families of Simi Valley and the surrounding area a vibrant portfolio of educational choices built on a common sense of community, and the common purpose of inspiring each and every student to succeed in school, career and life.

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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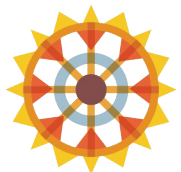
Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program Overview

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

Our high-quality instructional staff and superior play-based learning programs gives our youngest learners the opportunity to develop a foundation of academic and social skills.

By providing a strong foundation in the earliest years of their lives, these children will have greater opportunities for success in school and beyond.

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TK Program Commitments

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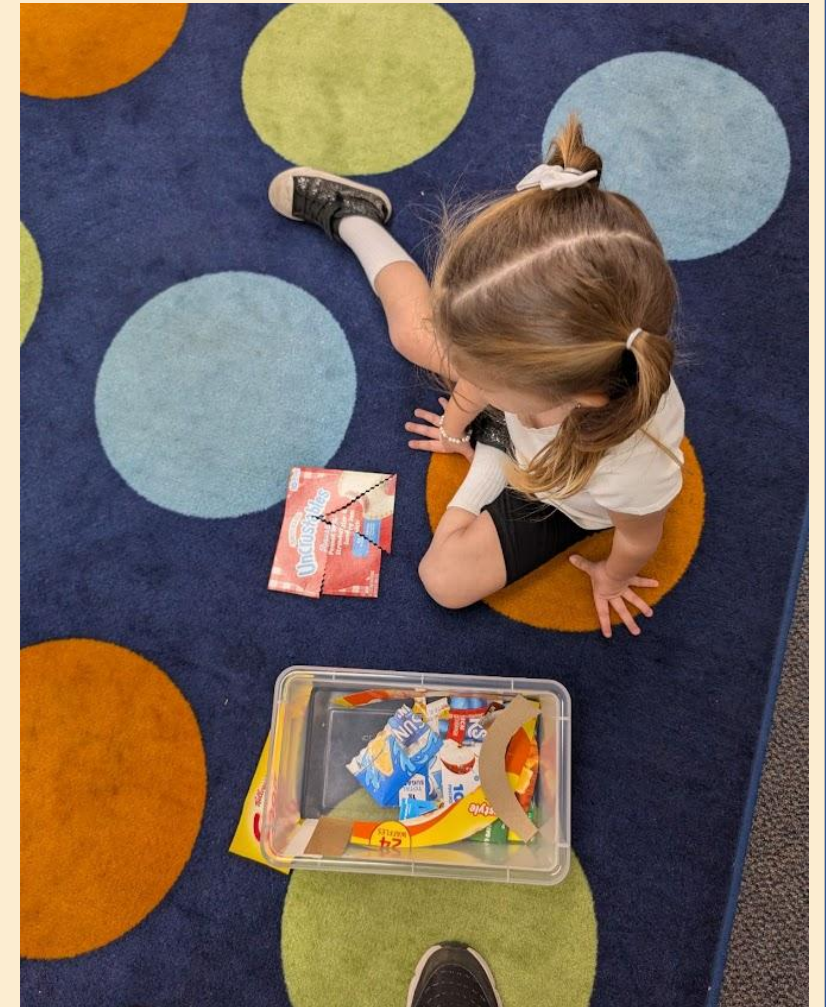
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Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
First year of a two-year Kindergarten program	Second year of a two-year Kindergarten program
Follows CA Dept. of Education <i>Preschool Learning Foundations</i>	Follows the CA <i>Subject Area Standards for Kindergarten</i>
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 and play-based learning	Center-based learning and instruction is 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, 2026*	Eligible students must turn 5-years-old by September 1, 2026
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

California Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations (PTKLF)

The PTKLF are the California early learning skills designed for children in early education programs.

The term “foundation” is used rather than “standard” to convey that learning in every domain sets the foundation for school readiness and later life success.



Guiding Principles

- **Supportive Relationships and Environments:** Children thrive in nurturing relationships and environments that affirm their individuality and celebrate the strengths rooted in their families, communities, and cultures, including their home languages.
- **Holistic Development and Diversity:** Children develop and learn in integrated ways across domains, showcasing diverse strengths, needs, and modalities of expression that reflect their unique ways of knowing.
- **Family and Community Partnerships:** Collaborations with families and communities foster meaningful connections, enhance children's sense of belonging, and support their growth.
- **Play and Intentional Teaching:** Play serves as a joyful, primary context for learning, while intentional teaching enhances development through thoughtfully designed, individualized learning experiences.

The TK Student Experience is designed to help our students:

- Feel comfortable in a school setting;
- Feel confident in a variety of learning situations and environments;
- Learn how to become learners in a room with others;
- Develop their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills as they strive to reach their potential;
- Become problem solvers; and
- To love learning and school!

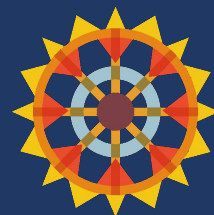


The TK Parent/Guardian Experience will help our families:

- Gain an understanding of the age-appropriate milestones and expectations for their children;
- Learn ways to become active partners in their child's education in the SVUSD;
- Become familiar with the resources and programs available at their child's school and across the District; and
- Develop a lifelong community of peers to support their continued development and enrichment.



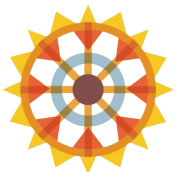
Now for the fun stuff!



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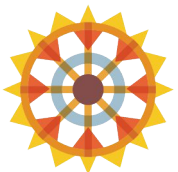
TK Program Highlights

- 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



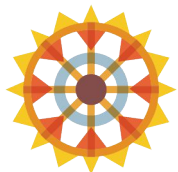
TK Program Highlights

- Hands on
- Sensory
- Curriculum
- Integration of domains
- Social emotional development
- Consistent routine



TK Program Sample Schedule

8:00 to 8:35:	Table Top Fine Motor Activities
8:35 to 9:00:	Morning Meeting (Good Morning song, Pledge, Zoophonics, Letter of the Week)
9:00 to 9:45:	Language Arts Centers
9:50 to 10:10:	Snack/Recess
10:15 to 11:10:	Math (Calendar, Number of Days of School, Math Activities, Math Manipulatives)
11:20 to 12:00:	Lunch/Recess
12:00 to 12:15:	Read Alouds
12:15 to 1:00:	Non-Core (Art, Music, Science, Social Studies)
1:00 to 1:20:	Recess/Snack
1:25 to 2:00:	Free Choice Play Time
2:05 to 2:30:	Music/Movement/Quiet Choices/Dismissal



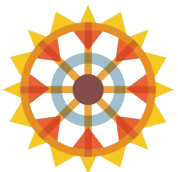
TK Program Logistics

Curriculum

- Zoophonics
- Handwriting Without Tears
- World of Wonders

Recess, Lunch

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





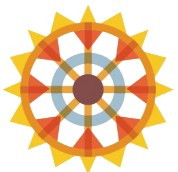
Set Up for Success and Student Supports

TOILETING

- Students should be able to access the restroom independently.
- Students should independently wipe and wash their hands.
- Clothing needs to allow for easy restroom access (elastic waists vs. snaps and buttons).
- Send an extra set of clothes in backpacks (accidents do happen).
- Families are responsible for changing their child if the student is not independent

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE

- Read a story together each night
- Practice putting on and taking off sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, shoes
- Practice opening water bottles, food containers, lunch boxes, and backpacks
- Experiment with crayons, markers, glue, scissors, paint, etc

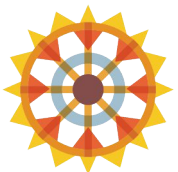


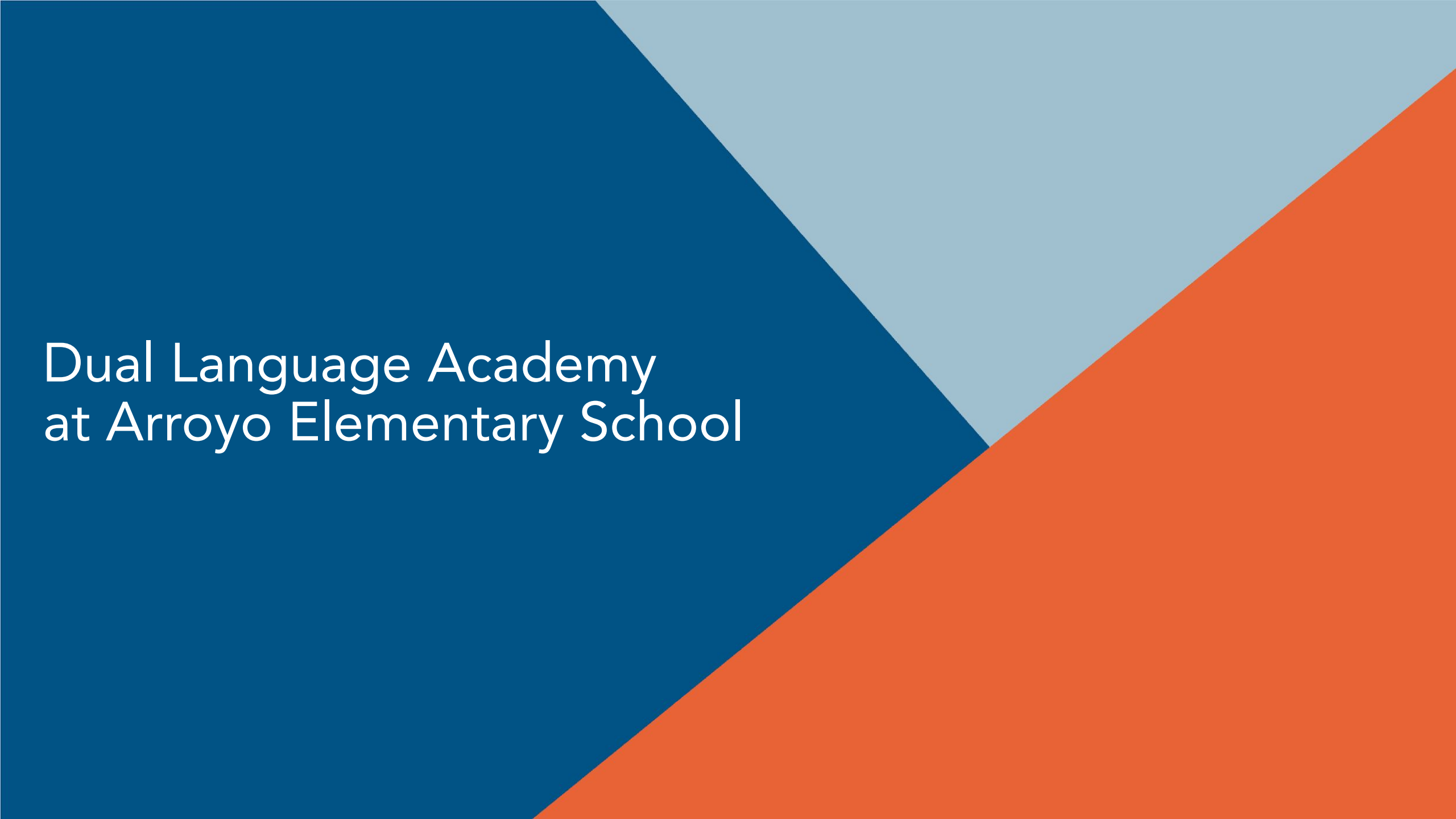
Special Education

- Students with an IEP are provided direct services to support their unique learning needs. The most current IEP should be submitted with the enrollment packet.
- Each elementary school site has a Special Education teacher.
- The IEP team determines which school is the most appropriate placement for the student.

Multilingual Learners

- The language rich environment in TK strengthens students' speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.
- Integrated and designated services support students whose primary language is not English.
- Arroyo Elementary School's Dual Language Academy offers a Spanish Dual Language Immersion program.



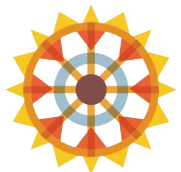


Dual Language Academy at Arroyo Elementary School

Dual Language Immersion (DLI)

Two-way dual immersion is language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language.

SVUSD opened the first DLI classes at Arroyo Elementary in the 2024-2025 school year. Currently there are 3 TK, 3 Kindergarten classes, and 2 first grade classes. Each year an additional grade level will be added.





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BILINGÜE
Bilingualism &
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Grade-Level
Academic
Achievement



**COMPETENCIA
SOCIOCULTURAL**

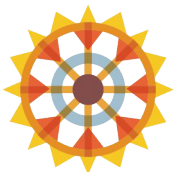
Sociocultural
Competence



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

The DLI program will continue into secondary school



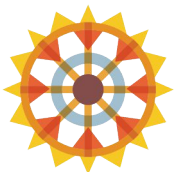
Next Steps...

1. Arroyo Elementary School Tours

- a. December 10 at 8:45 a.m.
- b. January 14 at 8:45 a.m.
- c. General Info Night: January 26 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Complete the interest survey

- a. DLI page on the District's website

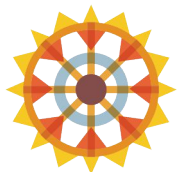




TK Eligibility and Enrollment Process

2025-2026 CURRENT TK ENROLLMENT

- About 637 TK students placed.
- Total of 33 classes located on 16 of our 18 elementary schools.
- Three classes at both Arroyo Elementary and Justin Early Learners Academy.
- Two classes at 12 of our elementary campuses.
- Each class staffed with a certificated teacher and a paraprofessional.



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When is your child's 5th birthday?

**On or before
September 1, 2021**



**Your child is eligible
for Kindergarten**

**July 1, 2021 to
September 1, 2021**



**Your child is eligible
for Kindergarten**

OR

**September 2, 2021 to
September 1, 2022**



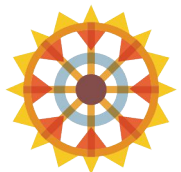
**Your child is eligible
for Transitional
Kindergarten on a
space available basis**

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

*cannot have
previously
participated in TK

2026-2027 TK ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

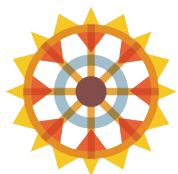
- Open to all students turning 4-years-old by September 1, 2026.
- The enrollment process is handled by the District Office, NOT at the school sites.
- Enrollment packets will be available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily starting on January 5, 2026.
- TK enrollment is NOT part of School of Choice.
- Class 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

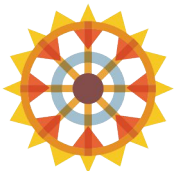
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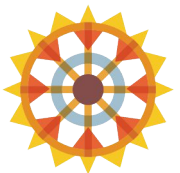
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TK packets MUST be complete to submit and become eligible for placement.

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 Address (utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage deed)
- ❑ Copy of your child's immunization records (information on next slide)



TK Enrollment Requirements

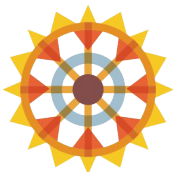
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REQUIRED immunizations include:

- ❑ 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 TK.

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



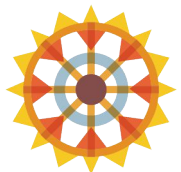
TK Immunization Requirements

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Priority Enrollment

- Priority enrollment is open until March 20, 2026.
- 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 20, 2026 will be placed based on availability of space remaining.



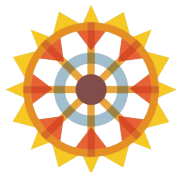
How to Submit Enrollment Paperwork

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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



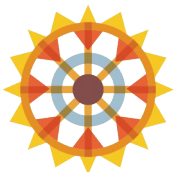
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Safety Considerations

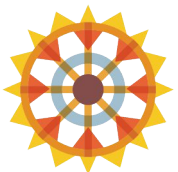
- Each of our schools is a closed campus.
- All of our schools use Raptor Visitor Management System to monitor those accessing campus.
- Specific information about each school will be given at Orientations and Back to School Nights.
- School times are listed on the schools' websites, but might change 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 Sendy Franco Ocegueda in Elementary Education at **805.306.4500, Ext. 4207** or by email to sendy.francooceguera@simivalleyusd.org.

Still more information can be found on our website, www.simivalleyusd.org.



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FAQs

My child is TK eligible next year, but do I have to enroll in TK?

No. SVUSD offers a free TK program for any child who is TK-eligible. However, parents can elect to enroll in another year of preschool if preferred, or wait to enroll their child in school.

We live in another school district. Can we apply?

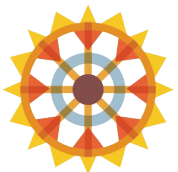
Residents outside of Simi Valley can apply for TK enrollment through the Interdistrict Permit process. Once approved, the application will be accepted based on space available.

Can I skip TK and enroll in Kindergarten?

Children must be 5 years old on or by September 1 to enroll in Kindergarten.

My child misses the age eligibility by 2 days. Are there exceptions to the cutoff dates?

There are no exceptions to the TK eligibility window. These dates are set by the state.



More FAQs

Is TK a full-day program?

Yes! Our TK program has the same bell schedule as grades K-5. Students are expected to participate in the full program every day.

Do all elementary schools offer the TK program?

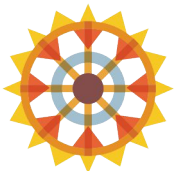
Currently, all elementary schools except Hollow Hills and Vista have TK classes. Justin Early Learners Academy has 3 TK classes.

Are TK students eligible for meals?

TK students may participate in the school lunch program. Students have the option each day to bring lunch from home or order a lunch option from the cafeteria.

Can I request placement at a specific school?

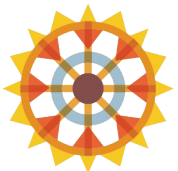
TK is not a School of Choice program. Priority is given to siblings and neighborhood school residents. Families can use our School of Choice to apply for Kindergarten.



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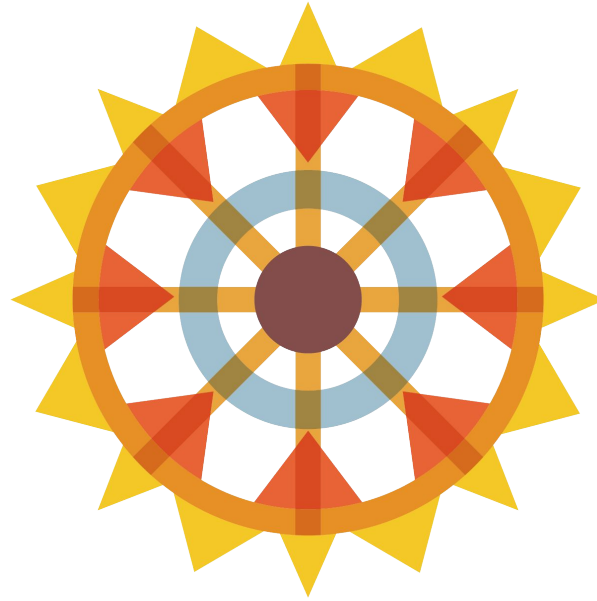
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