

Kindergarten Information Night

Simi Valley Schools



December 15, 2025

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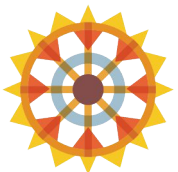
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AGENDA

- Welcome to Simi Schools
- What is Kindergarten?
- Eligibility and Enrollment
- Additional Information
- FAQs
- Questions



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Simi Valley Schools - *Our District, Our Promise*

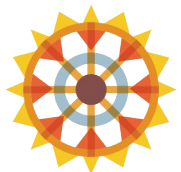
The Simi Valley Unified School District offers the families of Simi Valley and the surrounding area a vibrant portfolio of educational choices built on a common sense of community, and the common purpose of inspiring each and every student to succeed in school, career and life.

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.



From Here to Anywhere

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Who is eligible for
Kindergarten?

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

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

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



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

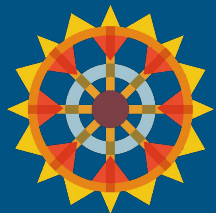
**cannot have previously
participated in TK*



What is Kindergarten?

Kindergarten

- ✓ Open to children born on or before Sept. 1, 2021.
- ✓ 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.

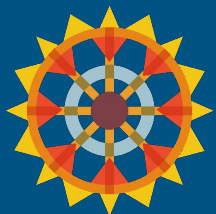


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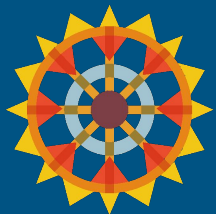
Academic Instruction Throughout a Kindergartener's Day



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

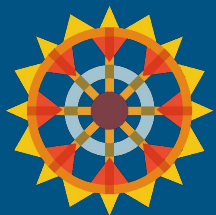


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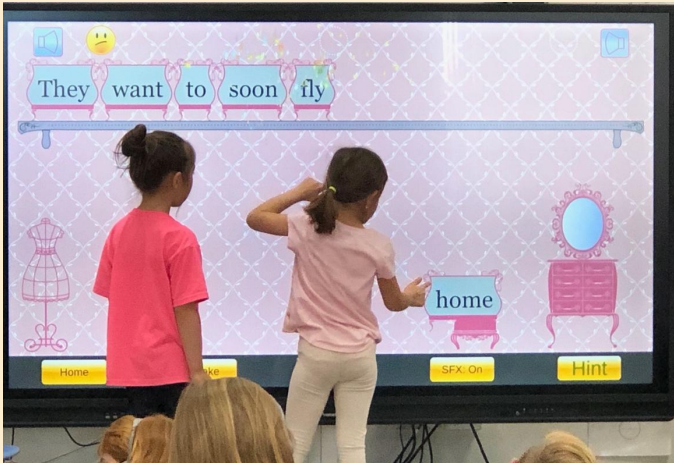
Teachers often use a centers-based approach to instruction that allows our students to better explore materials, practice skills and work cooperatively with their peers.



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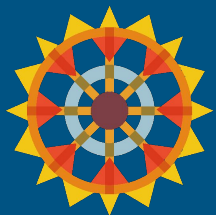
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Technology

- ✓ Devices are in every classroom for every student. These are used for reading, research, educational activities and instruction.
- ✓ Classrooms are 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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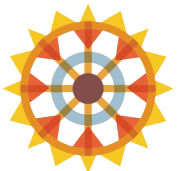
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Special Education

- 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 appropriate placement.

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 Dual Language Academy offers a Spanish Dual Language Immersion program.



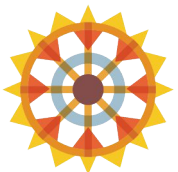


The Dual Language Academy at Arroyo Elementary School

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.





**BILINGÜISMO Y
ALFABETIZACIÓN**

BILINGÜE
Bilingualism &
Biliteracy



**LOGRO ACADÉMICO
A NIVEL DE GRADO**

Grade-Level
Academic
Achievement



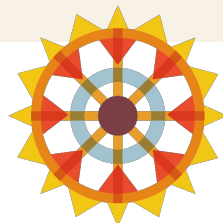
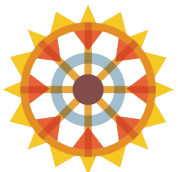
**COMPETENCIA
SOCIOCULTURAL**

Sociocultural
Competence



Language Allocation

- 80/20 model in TK 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



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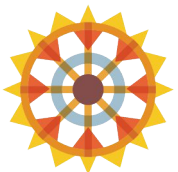
Next Steps...

1. School Tours

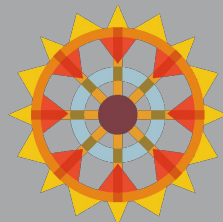
- a. January 14 at 8:45 a.m.
- b. General Info Night: January 26 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Complete the interest survey

- a. DLI page on the district website



ENROLLMENT STEPS



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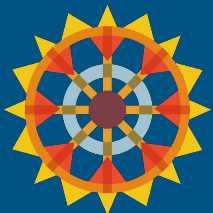
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If you're enrolling your child in your **neighborhood school**, you can submit the enrollment forms at that school site beginning **February 9, 2026**.

If you're considering submitting a **School of Choice** online application, the window to submit is from now until **February 6**.

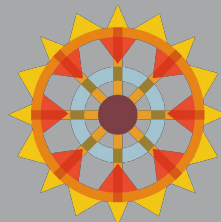


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Making an Informed Decision

- ✓ The *Guide to Simi Valley Schools* can be found on the District's website at simivalleyusd.org
- ✓ Individual School Websites
- ✓ Individual School Parent Nights
- ✓ School Tours



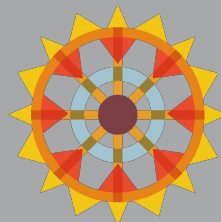
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Neighborhood School Enrollment

- ✓ Starts February 9, 2026
- ✓ Go to your neighborhood school
- ✓ No deadline, but it really helps if you can enroll before May 2026



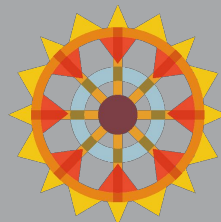
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School of Choice Application

- ✓ 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)



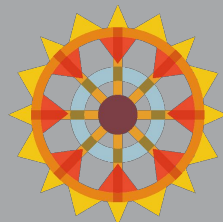
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School of Choice Application

- ✓ SOC applications must be submitted online by February 6, 2026.
- ✓ For many different reasons, each school has its own timeline for when it advises families of their admission.



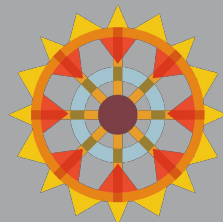
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Fundamental School Information

- ✓ Kindergarten lottery applications accepted from **January 6 to 16, 2026**.
- ✓ Kindergarten lottery drawing will be held on **January 20, 2026**.
- ✓ Kindergarten lottery notifications will be made the Week of **January 20, 2026**.



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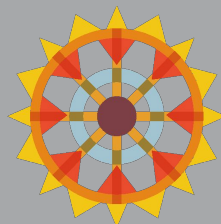
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Enrollment Requirements

Documents Needed Before Kindergarten

- ✓ Clear copy of certified birth certificate
- ✓ Copy of proof of address (utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage deed).
- ✓ Copy of current immunization records.



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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...



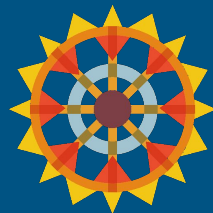
An Oral Health Assessment form completed by your dentist. The assessment can be done up to one year before the start of Kindergarten or by May 31 of the Kindergarten year.



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 services they provide, SVUSD is not in charge of any of these programs.

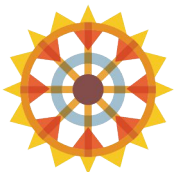


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- ❖ Arroyo: YMCA
- ❖ Atherwood: YMCA
- ❖ Berylwood: Boys & Girls Club (ASES)
- ❖ Big Springs: YMCA
- ❖ Crestview: RSRPD
- ❖ Garden Grove: RSRPD
- ❖ Hollow Hills: YMCA
- ❖ Katherine: YMCA
- ❖ Knolls: RSRPD
- ❖ Madera: RSRPD
- ❖ Mountain View: RSRPD
- ❖ Park View: Boys & Girls Club (ASES)
- ❖ Santa Susana: Boys & Girls Club (ASES)
- ❖ Sycamore: YMCA
- ❖ Township: RSRPD
- ❖ Vista: RSRPD
- ❖ White Oak: YMCA
- ❖ Wood Ranch: RSRPD



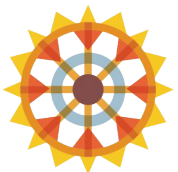
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Safety Considerations

- Every school is a closed campus.
- Kindergarten facilities are generally separate from the rest of the campus.
- Recess and lunch are with similar age peers.
- 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.



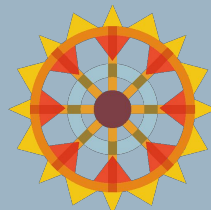
Our website,
simivalleyusd.org, has
TONS of information
about Enrollment,
School of Choice,
Fundamental Schools
and our Kindergarten
programs.

HOME > DEPARTMENTS > EDUCATIONAL SERVICES > SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS > KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS *

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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FAQs

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

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

We live in another city/school district. Can we apply?

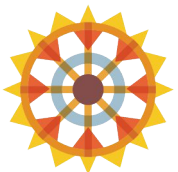
Residents outside of SVUSD can apply for enrollment through the Interdistrict Permit process. Once approved, the application will be accepted based on space available.

Is Kindergarten a full-day program?

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

What homework will my Kindergarten student receive?

Homework varies by site and teacher. Typically, teachers ask families to read with their child and practice basic skills learned during class.



More FAQs

Are Kindergarten students eligible for meals?

Yes. All students may participate in the FREE school lunch program. Students can bring lunch from home or order a lunch option. Breakfast is also available.

Can I request placement at a specific school?

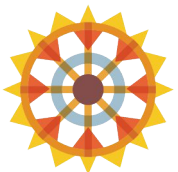
Families can use our School of choice application for enrolling in Kindergarten. The application can be found on our website. The deadline is February 6, 2026.

When will we be notified regarding a School of Choice application?

Schools will begin notifying families in February. Since placement is based on space, you could receive notification in late July or early August.

How can I find out more about the schools?

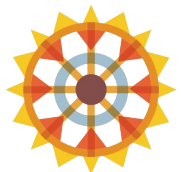
Take a tour at your neighborhood school and any other school you are interested in. Tour dates/times are posted on the Master Calendar on the District's homepage.

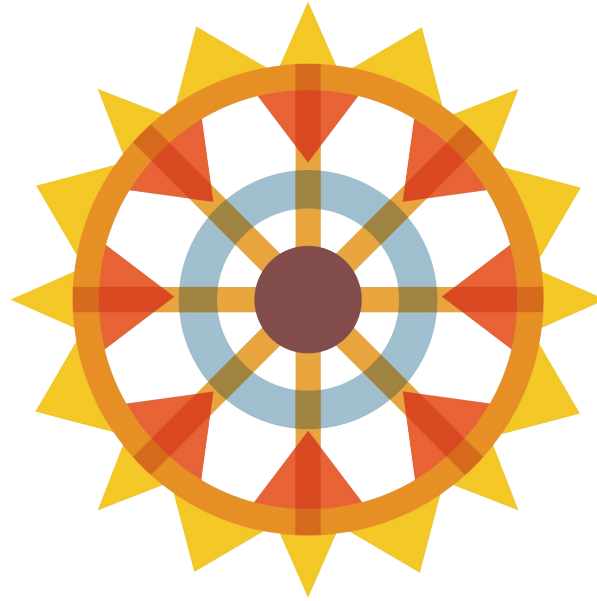


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