



Chula Vista Elementary School District

CVESD Family Enrollment Guide for Transitional Kindergarten for the 2026-27 School Year

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Welcome to the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD)! This guide provides families with the essential dates, requirements, and steps needed to enroll their student in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or Kindergarten (K) for the 2026–27 school year.

CVESD Highlights

Students in the district experience a rigorous 21st-century learning environment with high-quality instruction, innovative programming, and strong visual and performing arts.

- Dual Language Immersion Program in Spanish and English.
- State-of-the-art Innovation Stations to nurture career-ready students.
- Live Well San Diego school district.
- Multiple recognitions by the California PBIS Coalition.

How to Enroll

To enroll your student, please visit cvesd.org/enrollnow. Before starting the enrollment process, parents/guardians will need the following documents ready to upload:

- Student's birth certificate.
- Updated immunization record at the time of enrollment*.
- One current proof of residency (dated within 60 days of enrollment).
- Parent/guardian photo identification.

* If a student has not yet turned four at the time of enrollment and is therefore unable to receive the required updated immunizations, their enrollment will be conditionally approved. Once the student turns four and receives the required immunizations, parents/guardians will need to submit the updated records to their student's school as soon as possible.

After online enrollment is complete, staff will review the documents and notify you once enrollment is finalized. Please note: When enrollment requests exceed available space, placement is determined through a random lottery. The list of impacted schools is posted at cvesd.org and may change during the enrollment period.

Key Dates

- Open enrollment for new students starts on February 11, 2026, at 9 a.m.
- For TK eligibility, your child must turn 4 on or before September 1, 2026.
- For Kindergarten eligibility, your child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2026.

Students Entering Transitional Kindergarten

If you are enrolling your student into TK for the first time, you must complete online enrollment through your neighborhood school based on your home address. If your student is entering TK and you are requesting placement at a different school or program (such as Dual Language Immersion), first enroll your student at your neighborhood school and then submit a new Zone Transfer Request. The TK Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program is offered at 14 schools. For those interested in enrolling their student in the TK DLI Program, a lottery is conducted due



to limited availability. More information about DLI and the lottery process is located at cvesd.org/enrollnow.

Transitional Kindergarten Immunization Requirements

Immunization requirements depend on your student's age and birth date. Please review the category that applies to your student below. Required vaccines include Polio (IPV), DTaP, MMR, Hepatitis B, and Varicella. A full list of immunization requirements is available at cvesd.org/enrollnow.

Children born between September 2, 2021, and February 11, 2022 - Fully immunized

- If your student is 4 years old and has met all immunization requirements, your student may proceed with enrollment and placement with no additional action needed.

Children born between February 11, 2022, and July 22, 2022 - Pending Immunization

- If your student is 3 years old at enrollment and will turn 4 on or before the first day of school, an updated immunization record is required before the start of the school year. Students will not be admitted without the updated records.

Children born between July 23, 2022, and September 1, 2022 - Conditional Immunizations

- If your student will be 3 years old on the first day of school and will turn 4 on or before September 1, 2026, your student may be admitted with conditional immunizations. Follow-up and additional vaccines will be required to remain enrolled.

Zone Transfers

When completing a Zone Transfer Request, parents/guardians must first register at their neighborhood school. Notification will be sent out once approved or placed on a wait list. All Zone Transfer Requests are managed by the Student Placement Department. Priority is given to students residing within their designated attendance areas, with additional consideration for factors such as classroom capacity, attendance records, and behavior history. Due to continued growth, no new transfers will be approved for schools in the eastern area. For a list of schools with impacted enrollment, visit cvesd.org/enrollnow. If your student will continue to attend their current school of residence, the Continuing Student Enrollment must be completed starting on May 26, 2026.

Interdistrict Transfers

Families must first register at their school district of residence and complete the Interdistrict Transfer application through that district. The application must be reviewed and signed by personnel from the district of residence. Once signed, the application should be hand-carried to the CVESD Student Placement Office beginning March 2, 2026. The application allows families to request up to two school options; however, placement is based on space availability, and the district may offer an alternative placement if needed.

State Preschool Students

If your student is currently enrolled in the State Preschool Program and is age-eligible for TK, you may choose to keep your student in State Preschool or enroll them in TK for the upcoming



school year. If you choose to remain in State Preschool, no additional enrollment paperwork is required, as families who qualify are certified for two years; simply notify the district's Preschool Office to reserve your student's spot. If you decide to enroll your student in TK, you will need to complete the new student online enrollment process.

Special Education Preschool Students

All students must complete the new student online enrollment process to ensure placement for the upcoming school year. As part of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process, a transition meeting will be scheduled before the end of the school year. During this meeting, you and the IEP transition team will discuss services and program recommendations for your child for the next school year. If the IEP team recommends placement in a Special Day Class (SDC), a school placement letter will be sent by the end of May, once enrollment is complete. Please note that school placement cannot be determined until registration is complete.

FAQs

- **How do I find my school of residence?** Visit the district website, click Enroll Now, then click My School Locator. You will be prompted to enter your home address to find your neighborhood school.
- **Can I request multiple zone transfers in case my first choice fills up?** The Zone Transfer form allows you to list two school choices. If the two choices are impacted, and you wish to update your choices, you may contact the Student Placement Department.
- **Are there limits on zone transfers?** Yes, all school sites must reserve space for the projected enrollment of students living within the school's boundaries.
- **How do I know if my school of residence has TK Dual Language Immersion?** Refer to the district website for a list of all Dual Language Immersion schools.
- **Do I need to complete a Zone Transfer every year to remain at the same school?** Yes.
- **How do I enroll my child in the LEAD Program?** Visit the district website and click on the LEAD Program for more information.
- **Do TK students take the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, also known as ELPAC?** No, the ELPAC is administered to Kindergarten and higher grades.

What Happens After You Enroll

School staff will review all submitted documents and may contact families if additional information is needed. All transfer and lottery decisions will be communicated by email.

Questions?

Contact the district office for support or questions during the open enrollment process. Your neighborhood school can also assist with documents, online enrollment, and transfer guidance.

Student Placement Department (619) 425-9600 Ext. 181570

Pupil Services Department (619) 425-9600 Ext. 181700

Early Childhood Education Department (Preschool) (619) 425-9600 Ext. 181510



2026-27 Checklist

Below is a checklist for the district's open enrollment process. Please note that an Intradistrict Zone Transfer is for families who want to keep their child within CVESD. An Interdistrict Attendance Permit is for families that live outside of CVESD boundaries.

January

- ☐ Prepare documents for online enrollment: student birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residence, parent/guardian photo ID, and, if applicable, IEP, 504 Plan, and/or behavior/discipline records
- ☐ Identify your school of residence through CVESD's School Locator

February

- ☐ February 10 - Zone Transfer Renewal closes
- ☐ February 11 - At 9 a.m. New Student Online Enrollment Opens

March

- ☐ March 2 - Renewal & New Interdistrict Attendance Permit Opens

April

- ☐ April 30 - Decisions on Renewal Zone Transfer requests emailed

- ☐ April 30 - Renewal of CVESD Interdistrict Attendance Permit closes

May

- ☐ May 15 - TK Lotteries conducted online
- ☐ May 15 - TK Zone Transfer links emailed to families
- ☐ May 20 - TK Lottery notifications emailed to families
- ☐ May 26 - Continuing Student Re-Enrollment Opens

June

- ☐ June 16 - Continuing Student Enrollment deadline to be included in class rosters

July

- ☐ July 22 - First day of school for the 2026-27 school year
- ☐ July 25 - Community Expo