Chula Vista Elementary School District

CVESD Family Enrollment Guide for 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 Kindergarten

If your student is currently enrolled in TK at your neighborhood school, no action is required until you receive the Kindergarten Continuing Student Enrollment Form in May 2026, as those students will automatically transition to Kindergarten. If your child is in TK at a school other than your neighborhood school and you want them to attend Kindergarten at your home school, you must complete a new online enrollment. Contact the school office for guidance, especially if you are seeking a Dual Language Immersion placement or if you have a change of address. The DLI Program is offered at 23 sites for Kindergarten. Visit cvesd.org for a list of schools that offer

the program. If your neighborhood school does not offer the DLI Program, you can request a Zone Transfer.

Kinder Immunization Requirements

Students must meet California's minimum immunization requirements before the first day of school. Only valid medical exemptions with proper documentation are accepted.

- Polio (IPV): 4 doses (1 on or after the 4th birthday)
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP): 5 doses (1 on or after the 4th birthday)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): 2 doses (given on or after the 1st birthday)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B): 3 doses
- Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses with 1 dose required unless there is medical documentation of having had chickenpox previously.

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.

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
- ☐ January 13 - Renewal Zone Transfer Requests open for current students

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
- ☐ March 9 - New Zone Transfers Open

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 5 - New Zone Transfer Window Closes for K-6th Grade
- ☐ 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