



Newport-Mesa

Unified School District

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Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Orientation

California Elementary School

February 3rd, 2026

Agenda

- Welcome
- Meet the Staff
- Our School
- TK/Kindergarten Information
- A day in the life of a TK and Kinder classroom
- Parent Involvement
- Nurse News
- Enrollment Information
- Kindergarten Readiness
- First day of school!

READ

LEARN

IN A WORLD WHERE
YOU CAN BE ANYTHING.
BE KIND.

Meet the Office -

Jason Kuncewicki

Karina Madrigal

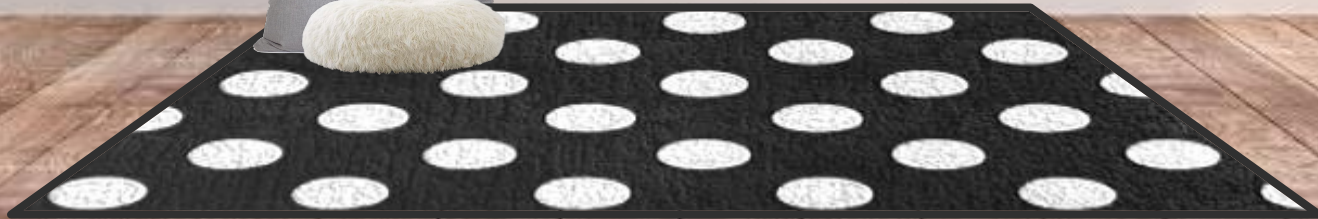
Bryan Giraldo-Martinez

Melissa Garcia

Victoria Hernandez

Do all things with kindness

DREAM
INSPIRE
SHARE SMILE
BELIEVE
TEAMWORK
CREATE



September

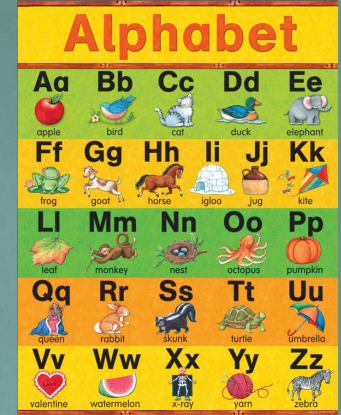


Meet our TK and Kinder Teachers!

Kelly Burke/Jessica DeLloyd - TK Teachers

Kristen Eddins/Diana Arce - K Teacher

Macaulay Guyser -K Teacher



About Our School:

- 385 Students
- TK - 6th Grade
- Music/Science/PE/Theater
- Technology Teacher
- Show Choir
- Test Scores is highest in Estancia Zone
- Foundation/PTA
- Positive Behavior
- We like to have FUN!!! Develop Student Agency

NMUSD's Early Learning Options for 2026-2027

Child's Birth Date	Early Learning Options for Families
9/2/2020 - 9/1/2021	● Kindergarten
9/2/2021 - 9/1/2022	Parents may choose: ● Transitional Kindergarten OR ● One NMUSD preschool program ○ State part day preschool (3 hours) ○ State full day preschool (Full Day 246 days) ○ Tuition Preschool ■ 2,3, and 5 day options
9/2/2021-12/1/2023	● One NMUSD preschool program

Enrollment



- The first day of school is August 17, 2026.
- Enrollment for 2025-2026 is scheduled to open **January 26, 2026.**
Please continue to check the NMUSD website for updates on enrollment for the next school year.
 - Students must be age 5 on or before September 1, 2026 to enroll in Kindergarten.
 - Students who will be age 4 on or before September 1, 2026 may enroll in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) OR one of NMUSD's preschool classrooms.
 - Children whose birthdate is between September 2, 2021 and December 1, 2023 may enroll in one of our preschool programs.

NMUSD's Transitional Kindergarten Program

We are dedicated to giving your child the strongest foundation possible for a successful educational journey. Our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program aims to achieve the following goals:

- School Readiness
- Cultivating Social Skills
- Language and Literacy Development
- Hands-On Exploration
- Smooth Transition to Kindergarten





A Day in the Life of TK...



NMUSD's Kindergarten Program

The goal of our kindergarten program is to prepare children with a strong academic foundation through a diverse range of experiences that support their overall growth. In Kindergarten, children's growth is nurtured in a variety of areas, including:

- Language and literacy development
- Thinking, or cognitive, skills
- Physical development
- Social development
- Emotional development



A Day in the Life of Kindergarten...

Instruction focuses on explicit instruction, guided instruction, small group instruction, exploration and inquiry.



Kindergarteners are learning basic literacy and numeracy skills. But we also recognize the importance of providing a well-rounded education that includes a range of subjects and activities, including science, music and PE.

Sample TK/K Schedule



8:00	Morning Circle / Calendar
8:30	ELA Core Curriculum
10:00-10:20	Snack Recess
10:20	Math
11:30-12:10	Lunch
12:15	Read Aloud
12:30	Centers - Social Studies, Science, PE, Art, Music
1:35	Recess
1:55	Free Choice Time
2:25	Dismissal

Kindergarten Readiness

- Reading and Language Skills
 - Able to write his/her name.
 - Identify 20/30 letters (Upper and lowercase) out of order.
 - Speak using complete sentences
 - Recognizes familiar logos and signs, like stop signs
- Math
 - Count to ten without skipping numbers
 - Understand "more than" and "less than"
 - Can name basic shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle).
- Social and Emotional Skills
 - Separate from parents easily
 - Follows direction
 - Asks for help
- Fine Motor Skills
 - Grip a pencil, crayon, or marker correctly (with the thumb and forefinger supporting the tip)
 - Use scissors, glue, paint, and other art materials with relative ease



Parent Involvement

PTA

Parent
Teacher
Associatio
n

CSEF

California
School
Educational
Foundation

Volunteer

We always are
looking for ways
to have parents
support school!



Nurse News

Credentialed School Nurse

Amanda Taylor RN

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Health Assistant

Melissa Garcia

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Health Office Information



Illness

Please keep your student home if they are ill. Always keep your student home if they have a fever of 100.4F degrees or higher. Students must be fever-free, without medication, for 24 hours before returning to school and symptoms should be resolving.



Mandatory Screenings

Vision and hearing for TK/K, 2nd grade, and 5th grade



Special Healthcare Needs

Medication authorization form is required for any medications needed at school. Please share with the health office if your child has any allergies or chronic conditions.



Health Condition(s)? Medication(s)?

Orange County Department of Education
Community and Student Support Services

PARENT/GUARDIAN AND AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REQUEST FOR MEDICATION

Name of Student: _____ Birth date: _____
School/Classroom: _____ Teacher's Name: _____ Grade/Track: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION
PRESCRIPTION AND NONPRESCRIPTION

California Education Code Section 49425 allows the school nurse or other designated non-medical school personnel to administer medication to students who are required to take medication during the school day. This service is provided to enable the student to remain in school and to maintain, or improve, his/her potential for education and training.

I request that medication be administered to my child in accordance with the authorized health care provider written instructions. I understand that designated non-medical school personnel may assist in carrying out written orders under supervision of a qualified School Nurse. I will notify the school immediately and submit a new form if there are changes in medication, dosage, time of administration, or the prescribing authorized health care provider. I give permission for the school nurse to exchange medication-related information with the authorized health care provider. The school nurse may consult appropriate school personnel regarding the medication and its possible effects.

Emergency medicine such as Tylenol or inhalers may be carried by the student when recommended by an authorized health care provider and parent. Stock-up medication should be kept at school for emergency use. I release the district and school personnel from civil liability if my child suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering medication.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
Telephone (Work): _____ (Home): _____

AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Reason for Medication: _____

Medication: _____ Dose: _____ Route: _____ Time: _____
IFPRA: Amount of time between doses: _____ Maximum number of doses per day: _____

Possible medication reactions: _____

Instructions for emergency care: _____

Authorized Health Care Provider Signature: _____
Authorized Health Care Provider Name (print clearly): _____
Telephone: _____
Provider NPI #: _____
Date of Request: _____
Date to Discontinue Medication: _____
Office Stamp: _____

Regarding Tylenol/Inhalers: It is my professional opinion that this student should be permitted to carry/take/ administer this emergency inhaler/Tylenol. This student has been instructed as to, and demonstrated an understanding of proper usage. _____
Health Care Provider Initials: _____

SCHOOL USE:
Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

This request is valid for a maximum of one year.

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H. Parents Medication, Authorization to Administer Form
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There is a district Medication Authorization Form for any medication, over-the-counter OR prescription, that needs to be given at school.

This must be filled out by the student's physician and then signed/dated by parent/guardian. The form expires after one year.

Examples:

- EpiPen for anaphylactic allergies
- Inhaler for asthma
- Tylenol for growing pains
- Cough drops for sore throat



California School Entry Health Requirements

The State of California requires all students to have:



Immunizations

- 4 POLIO
- 5 DTAP
- 2 MMR
- 3 HEPATITIS B
- 2 VARICELLA
 - To enroll in public school, students must be up to date on their immunizations, with no doses currently due. State law requires full compliance with these guidelines, and does not allow us any flexibility. If a child is unable to receive an immunization for medical reasons, their healthcare provider must submit a medical exemption through the (CAIR-ME) system.



Dental check up / Oral Health Assessment Form

- Due by May 31st in either TK, kindergarten, or first grade, whichever is their first year in public school.



Parents as Teachers

As your child's first teacher, you play a critical role in supporting kindergarten readiness. You may be wondering what you can do at home to promote skills that will help your child to be successful in school.



READY. SET. KINDERGARTEN



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For most children, kindergarten is the start of formal classroom education. Even for children who have been in a preschool or daycare, it is a big transition. You might be wondering — is my child ready? And, what can I do with my child at home to promote skills that will help my child be successful in school?

Learn more on our website about:

- Activities to do at home
- Community Resources
- Other Resources

Click on this link for [NMUSD's Kindergarten Readiness Website](http://tinyurl.com/NMUSDready4k) or go to <http://tinyurl.com/NMUSDready4k>

Scan Me



We look forward to meeting our new California Cougars!

- Encourage others that aren't here today!
- School Tours in April, see teaching and learning, we will reach out after you are enrolled to schedule.
- Open House April 30th 5:30
- Kindergarten "Round Up" - Meet Teacher, learn more about CA

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Thank You!

Questions