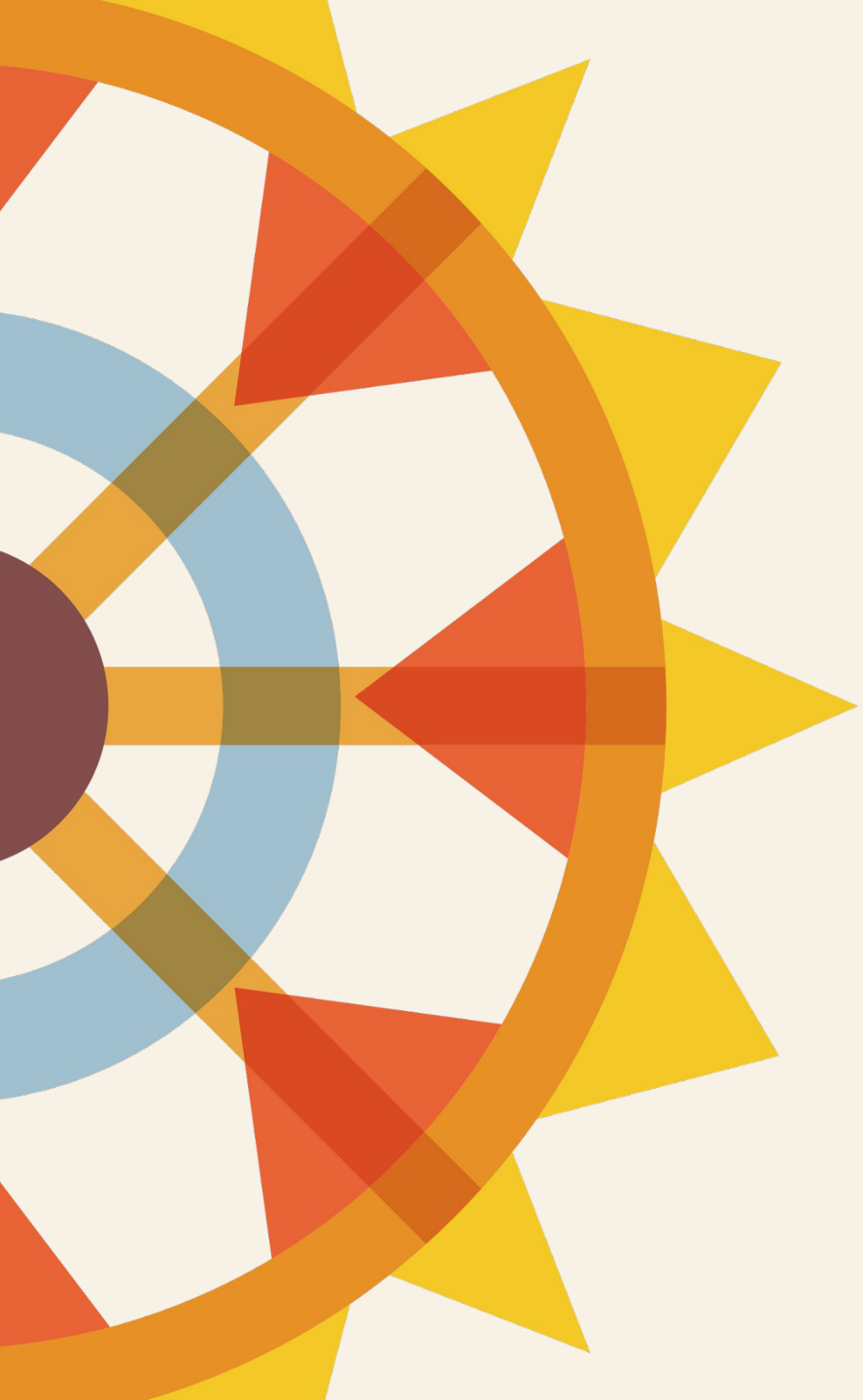
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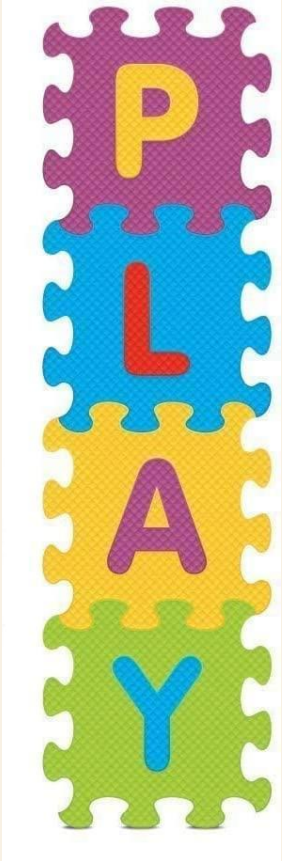
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AGENDA

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



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Simi Valley Schools - *Our District*



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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.

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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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Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
First year of a two-year Kindergarten program	Second year of a two-year Kindergarten program
Follows CA Dept. of Education *Preschool Learning Foundations*	Follows the CA *Subject Area Standards for Kindergarten*
Begins to establish socialization and structure within a school-based program	Increases learning stamina and daily structure within a school-based program
Exploration, discovery and play-based learning	Center-based learning and instruction are aligned with academic standards
Smaller class sizes and adult-to-student ratio (20:2)	Class sizes are aligned with lower elementary class size (24:1* average)
Eligible students must turn 4-years-old by September 1, 2027*	Eligible students must turn 5-years-old by September 1, 2027
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 California's 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**: Collaboration with families and communities fosters meaningful connections, enhances children's sense of belonging, and supports 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 and 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

8:15 to 8:35	Morning Greeting
8:35 to 9:00	Fine Motor Practice
9:00 to 9:15	Morning Message
9:15 to 9:50	Snack/Recess
9:50 to 10:10	Story Time and Music
10:10 to 11:00	Table Tops/Small Groups
11:00 to 11:40	Lunch/Recess
11:40 to 11:55	Quiet Time
11:55 to 12:40	Whole Group (Math, Music, ELA, Science, Social Studies)
12:40 to 1:00	Recess/Snack
1:00 to 2:00	Free Choice Play TIme
2:10 to 2:35	Closing Circle and Dismissal



TK Program Logistics

Curriculum: Frog Street

- Built around structured thematic units integrating literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, STEAM, and technology
- Family engagement materials aligned with each week's classroom focus
- Fully aligned with the CA Preschool Learning Foundations & state Pre-K frameworks.



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

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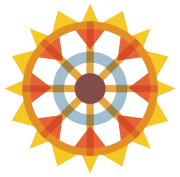
- Read a story together each night
- Practice putting on and taking off sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, shoes
- Practice opening water bottles, food containers, lunch boxes, and backpacks
- Experiment with crayons, markers, glue, scissors, paint, etc

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.



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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 classes, 3 Kindergarten classes, 3 first grade classes, and 2 second 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



Next Steps…

1. Arroyo Elementary School tours
   a. November 10 at 8:45 a.m.
   b. November 17 at 8:45 a.m.
   c. December 1 at 8:45 a.m.
   d. January 19 at 8:45 a.m.
   e. 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

2026-2027 CURRENT TK ENROLLMENT

- Currently, there are 653 TK students placed.
- Total of 34 classes located on 16 of our 18 elementary schools.
- Three classes at both Arroyo Elementary and Justin Early Learners Academy.
- Two classes at 13 of our elementary campuses and one at Monte Vista Independent Study
- Each class staffed with a certificated teacher and a paraprofessional to keep a 20:2 ratio.

When is your child's 5th birthday?

On or before September 1, 2022

Your child is eligible for Kindergarten

July 1, 2022 to September 1, 2022

Your child is eligible for Kindergarten

OR

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

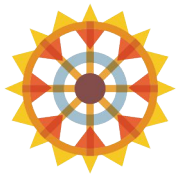
September 2, 2022 to September 1, 2023

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

*cannot have previously participated in TK

2027-2028 TK ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- Open to all students turning 4-years-old by September 1, 2027.
- 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 Tuesday, December 1, 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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TK packets MUST be complete to submit and become eligible for placement.

REQUIRED documents include:

- ❑ Enrollment Form (found in the Enrollment Packet or online)
- ❑ 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)
- ❑ Copy of an IEP if your child has qualified for Special Education services

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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.

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Priority Enrollment

- Priority enrollment is open until February 5, 2027.
- 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 February 5, 2027 will be placed based on availability of space remaining.

Additional Information

- Arroyo: YMCA
- Atherwood: YMCA
- Berylwood: Boys & Girls Club (ASES-ELOP)
- 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-ELOP)
- Santa Susana: Boys & Girls Club (ASES-ELOP)
- 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 the 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.

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We will begin forming classes in late March to early April. You will receive a confirmation of your child's placement at a school site.

For more questions or concerns, please contact Sendy Franco Oceguera 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, 2027 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.

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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 Elementary School has 3 TK classes.

Are TK students eligible for meals?

TK students may participate in the school meal program. Students have the option each day to bring lunch from home or order a lunch option from the cafeteria. Most schools also offer free breakfast.

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.

QUESTIONS?



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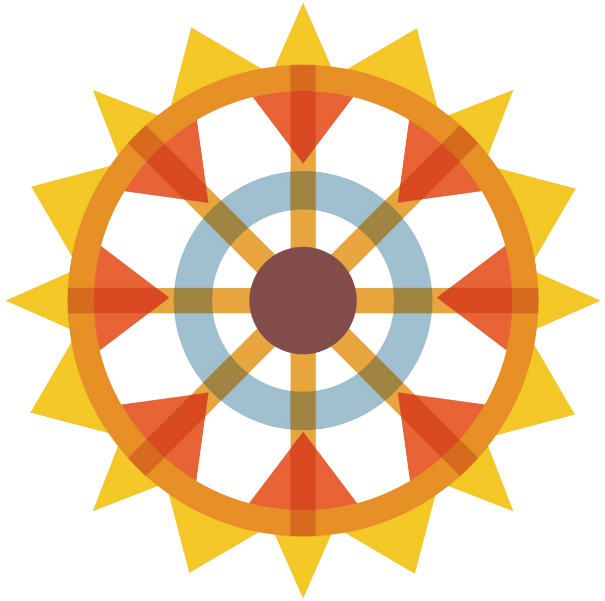
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