Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Important Dates and FAQs 2023

February 21, 2023: Online Registration Opens

February 21, 2023: Online After School Care Registration Opens

August 23, 2023: First day of school!

1. Where is Kinderbridge located? Will transportation be provided between the school and afterschool location? Is space limited?

Kinderbridge is located at each school site and is typically located in the TK/K area of each school site. No transportation will be provided from site to site. Your child would attend the Kinderbridge program at their school site. Due to limited space, parents interested in the Kinderbridge (1:30-3:00) and After School Session (3:00-5:00) should enroll on February 21, 2023, at the GUSD.us Expanded Learning website.

2. Does my incoming TK child need to be potty trained? Will there be bathrooms inside of the TK classrooms?

We STRONGLY encourage you to potty train your child before the start of the school year. Teachers will not be responsible for changing soiled clothes. Students will be sent to the school office to change if they are wet or wait for their parents to pick them up if they have had a bowel movement. Students will not wear diapers or pull ups unless this is addressed in a special education student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). TK classrooms are located near a bathroom. Teachers will encourage students to use the bathroom during breaks and will access additional staff to support bathroom needs throughout the program.

3. If I already have a child enrolled in El Camino's Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Kindergarten and have an incoming TK child, will my TK child have priority for admission?

As often as possible we want to keep families together. Special considerations for El Camino's DLI program include: having a sibling who is already attending the DLI program, those families residing in El Camino's residence area, and the children of El Camino's DLI staff. A lottery will be implemented if enrollment exceeds available class openings.

El Camino DLI 02/07/2023 - 5:30p.m. 5020 San Simeon Drive

4. If I am in the El Camino attendance area and do not want to enroll my child in the DLI program, how can we transfer to another site?

You will have the option to note this on the online enrollment form.

5. What type of training will TK teachers receive?

All TK teachers will have a teaching credential and additional Early Childhood Education units. They will also receive ongoing training throughout the upcoming years.

6. Do TK students have a nap time or lunch time?

TK students will have a similar schedule to the traditional kindergarten program. There is no nap time, however, families will be able to participate in the free lunch program and choose to send a healthy snack to school for morning recess.