

Transitional Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?

A. TK is for students who are not age appropriate to begin kindergarten. This was mandated by the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010. This legislation changed the birthday cut off day for eligibility to begin kindergarten. Students affected by the change are eligible to attend TK for one year. The following year the student would attend regular kindergarten.

Q. What is the birthday cut off date for regular kindergarten?

A. The birthday cutoff date moved from December 2 to September 1.

Q. Is my child eligible to attend TK?

A. TK is only available to children who have their 5th birthday between September 2 and December 2. Children who have their 5th birthday on or before September 1 will be admitted into Kindergarten.

These rules apply at the beginning of a new school year and remain in effect throughout the school year. There are no exceptions to the age requirements.

Q. Is TK mandatory?

A. No, TK nor kindergarten is a mandatory grade.

Q. How do I enroll my child in TK?

A. You enroll just like any other grade level at the Family Welcome Enrollment Center located at 2336 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501. Enrollment hours are from 8:00 - 3:00 PM. More information and enrollment forms can be found [here](#).

Please note: Parents and their child will be required to attend Kindergarten Round Up at their home school. During Kindergarten Round Up, the school will provide parents with more information about TK and the school in general.

Q. Does it cost anything to enroll my child in TK?

A. No, there is no cost for students to attend the TK class.

Q. Is TK offered at all elementary schools?

A. No, TK is offered at several elementary school sites. Locations depend on enrollment numbers.

Q. Will the District provide transportation if TK is not at my home school?

A. No. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian or caregiver.

Q. Is TK taught by a credentialed teacher?

A. Yes. TK teachers are fully credentialed just like all kindergarten through 5th grade teachers.

Q. How big will the class be?

A. Class sizes will be the same as other K-5 classes. Currently they are staffed at 27-1.

Q. What curriculum will be used?

A. The curriculum is aligned with the Common Core State Standards that are age and developmentally appropriate. Emphasis is on positive social, emotional, and motor skill development.

Q. Can my child who is age appropriate for regular kindergarten, go to TK instead?

A. No. A child who is age appropriate for kindergarten, must attend kindergarten. There are no exceptions. TUSD strictly follows the age guidelines set by the State of California.

Q. Can my child who is age appropriate for TK go to regular kindergarten instead?

A. It is not likely. They would have to go through an assessment process to determine if that is the best placement for them like other students who are skipping a grade. This would only occur after the school year begins and the child turns 5 years old. Overall it is rare that children at any age are promoted to the next grade level.

Q. After attending the TK program what grade will my student attend the follow year?

A. The TK Program is the first year of a two year Kindergarten experience. After completing a year of the TK Program, a student would then attend a traditional kindergarten program at their home school.

Additional TK/Kindergarten enrollment information and forms can be found on the [Family Welcome & Enrollment Center homepage](#) or by calling (310) 972-6280.