

## What are the benefits of Transitional Kindergarten?

**Transitional Kindergarten** gives children the opportunity to access the California Common Core Standards for kindergarten in a classroom that implements small groups and “hands on” learning to provide a language rich experience.

**Transitional Kindergarten** prepares students for the social and academic expectations of traditional kindergarten the following year through:

### *Reading*

- ◆ Concepts of print.
- ◆ Oral language production.
- ◆ Phonological awareness with emphasis on sound awareness, association of sounds with symbols and the manipulation of sounds.
- ◆ Vocabulary development.
- ◆ Listening comprehension.

### *Math*

- ◆ Concepts of numbers (count, recognize, name, compare and order a number of objects).
- ◆ Numeric representation.
- ◆ Concepts of addition and subtraction.
- ◆ Sort and classify objects based on attributes including common geometric shapes.



### **Registration Information**

Available at all Elementary School Sites  
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# Transitional Kindergarten



## *Kindergarten and Beyond*



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## What is Transitional Kindergarten?

**Transitional Kindergarten** is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

With the increasingly academic demands of kindergarten, transitional kindergarten is designed to support students who turn five years old between September 2 and December 2. Initially, transitional kindergarten is being phased in according to the birth month of a child's fifth birthday. You can determine if your child is eligible for transitional kindergarten with the following chart:

<b>School Year and Fifth Birthday is Between:</b>	
2012–13:	November 2 - December 2
2013–14:	September 2 - December 2
2014–15:	September 2 - December 2

As shown in the chart above, Transitional Kindergarten will continue to be implemented for each school year thereafter for all students whose fifth birthdays fall between September 2 and December 2. The cutoff date for Kindergarten has been changed to September 1, for any child who turns five on or before September 1, 2013.

This program will provide children with the necessary social and academic skills for success throughout their school experience.

## What will Transitional Kindergarten look like?

**Transitional Kindergarten** follows the same schedule as traditional kindergarten with a (*half-day, extended day, full-day*) program. Transitional kindergarteners enjoy lunch and recess with their traditional kindergarten friends and participate in all kindergarten activities and assemblies.

The daily schedule includes lessons and activities through whole group instruction, small group instruction, and independent “hands on” opportunities.



***Transitional Kindergarten...  
preparing each child for success in  
kindergarten and beyond.***

## How can families be involved in Transitional Kindergarten?



Family involvement is very important to a child's success. Communication between home and school is essential in helping your child succeed. Active participation in a child's educational journey is encouraged both at school and at home.

Assessments and teacher observations will be used to monitor your child's progress throughout the year. Your child's teacher will communicate with you regularly to discuss your child's progress and how you can support him/her at home.

At the end of the transitional kindergarten year, your child will promote to a traditional kindergarten classroom.

We look forward to welcoming you to transitional kindergarten!