



AN INTRODUCTION TO

Transitional Kindergarten

CUSD Early Childhood Programs

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us this evening!

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Tonight's Objectives:

1. Learn more about Transitional Kindergarten, UTK, and our CUSD TK programs
2. Review Projected TK Enrollment Timelines and Enrollment Information
3. Review TK Registration and Enrollment Process
4. Review some FAQs and Q&A

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Transitional Kindergarten, UTK, & Our CUSD TK Programs



What is Transitional Kindergarten?



- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) was introduced via The Kindergarten Readiness Act of the 2010 Senate Bill 1381.
- Originally introduced when age requirements for Kindergarten changed
- Considered the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program
- Current TK Eligibility ('22-23 SY): Children who turn 5 between September 2 and February 2
 - Children who turn 5 between June 1 and September 1 able to apply to TK; admitted only if space available

What is UTK?

UTK = Universal Transitional Kindergarten



In July 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 131, which adopts Universal TK by 2025-26. The following depicts a breakdown of the requirements for Districts to implement:

- The phase-in model began in the 2022-23 school year with following age eligibility for children enrolling in Transitional Kindergarten.
 - 2022-23: 5th birthday between September 2 – February 2
 - **2023-24: 5th birthday between September 2 – April 2**
 - 2024-25: 5th birthday between September 2 – June 2
 - 2025-26: 4th birthday by September 1st (UTK in place)
- Required Average Ratio:
 - 2022-23 – 1 adult: 12 students
- Class sizes are capped at 24

A Closer Look at TK...

Who is Eligible for TK?

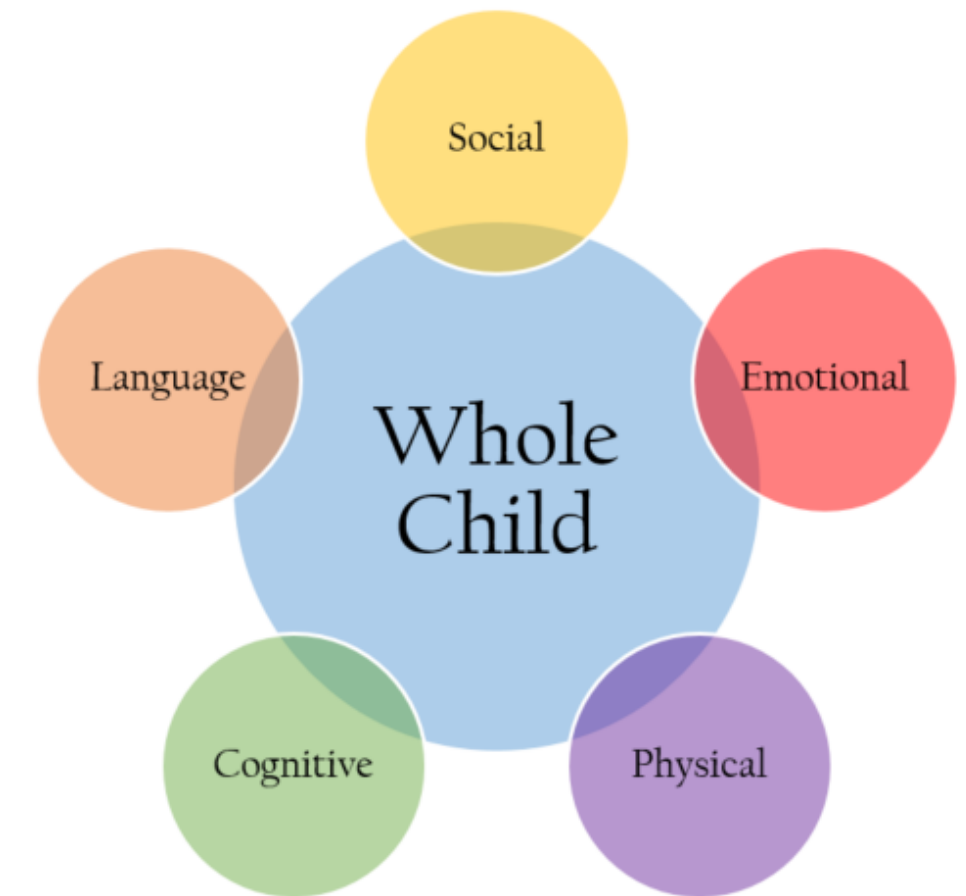
- For the 2023-24 school year: Any child who turns 5 between September 2nd and April 2nd
 - **Children who turn 5 years old on or after April 3rd are eligible for preschool**
- Children who turn 5 years old on or before September 1st are eligible for Kindergarten
 - Children who turn 5 years old between June 1 and September 1st can apply for TK instead of Kindergarten, but admittance will be dependent on space in the program
 - Obligation to place all TK-eligible students first; Kinder-eligible students will be placed in late May/June* (**Timelines subject to change*)

Age Requirements for the 2023-24 School Year		
Preschool Eligible	TK Eligible	Kindergarten Eligible
Must be 3 years old by December 1 st	Must be 5 years old between September 2 nd and April 2 nd	Must be 5 years old on or before September 1 st

A Closer Look at TK...

Philosophy and Priorities of TK:

- Developing the whole child
 - Interrelated approach to learning
 - Supporting all the areas of development
- School readiness skills
 - Academic concepts in a developmental way
- Integrated instruction: Environment, Instruction, and Assessment
- CA Preschool Learning Foundations
 - Areas of Learning: Social-Emotional Development, Language & Literacy, English-Language Development, Mathematics, Visual & Performing Arts, Physical Development, Health, History-Social Science, Science
- Cross-planning between TK and Kinder teachers



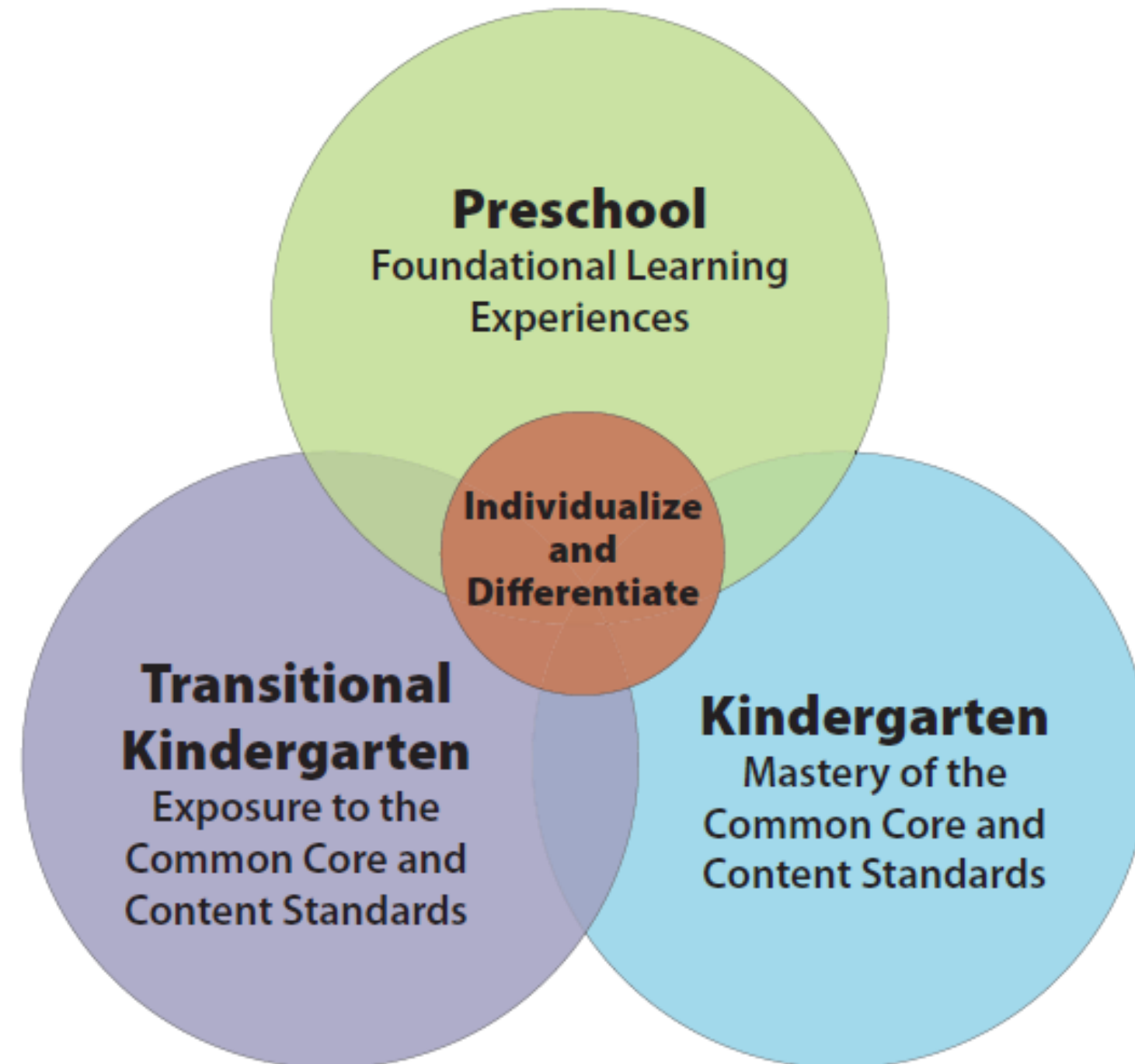
What's the Difference Between PK, TK, and Kindergarten?

Preschool	Transitional Kindergarten	Traditional Kindergarten
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 hours long (*Half-day program) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 hours long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 hours long
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 year-olds, 4 years, and some 5 year-olds (mixed age groups) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 4 years 5 months old at entrance; turning 5 between Sept 2 and April 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 5 years old at entrance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 students per class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 students per class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-32 students per class
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:8 adult to child ratio • One classroom teacher, one paraprofessional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:12 adult to child ratio • One classroom teacher, one part time paraprofessional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ratios in place • One classroom teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole child approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole child approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academics, Social-Emotional, and Behavior
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Preschool Learning Foundations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Preschool Learning Foundations and some exposure to Common Core and Content Standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Core State Standards

**For the 2023-24 school year*

What's the Difference Between PK, TK, and Kindergarten? (Cont'd)

Figure 1: Continuum of Development



CUSD TK Programs

Structure:

- Approximately a 4 hour day
- Early Bird/Late Owl model (2 hours of overlap)
- Taught by a certificated teacher with ECE units
- Part-time paraprofessional
- Class breakdown:
 - 24 students max per class, 12 per session
 - 1:12 adult to student ratio



Sample TK Schedule

Sample Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

7:45-9:15 Early Birds only

9:15-10:10 Late Birds arrive, Whole Group

10:10-10:40 Snack & Recess

10:40-11:38 Whole Group time, Early Birds leave at 11:38

11:38-1:08 Late Birds only

1:08 Class dismissed

Wednesday - ACE Day

7:45-10:10 Whole Group (Late Birds come at the Early Bird start time)

10:10-10:40 Snack & Recess

10:40-11:38 Whole Group and Early dismissal

11:38-12:50 Lunch

*Schedules vary by site. Daily classroom schedules of activities also vary.

TK Locations & Program Offerings

2023-24 School Year

- Ambuehl Elementary School
- Arroyo Vista Elementary School
- Bathgate Elementary School
- Bergeson Elementary School
Mandarin Immersion Program
- Canyon Vista Elementary School
- Carl Hankey Elementary School
*International Baccalaureate (IB)
Program*
- Castille Elementary School
- Chaparral Elementary School (2
Classes)
- Clarence Lobo Elementary
School
- Concordia Elementary School
- Del Obispo Elementary School
- Don Juan Avila Elementary School (2
Classes)
- Esencia Elementary School (2
Classes)
- George White Elementary School
- Hidden Hills Elementary School
- John Malcom Elementary School
- Kinoshita Elementary School
- Ladera Ranch Elementary School
- Laguna Niguel Elementary School
- Las Flores Elementary School
- Las Palmas Elementary School
Spanish Immersion Program
- Marblehead Elementary School
- Moulton Elementary School
- Oak Grove Elementary School
- Oso Grande Elementary School
- Palisades Elementary School
- Philip Reilly Elementary School
- R.H. Dana Elementary School
Spanish Immersion Program
- San Juan Elementary School
Spanish Immersion Program
- Tijeras Creek Elementary School
- Truman Benedict Elementary
School
- Viejo Elementary School
Spanish Immersion Program
- Vista Del Mar Elementary School
- Wagon Wheel Elementary School
- Wood Canyon Elementary School
(2 Classes)

2 TK Enrollment: Timelines & Important Information



Projected TK Enrollment Timeline



- Jan 30: TK Informational Webinar
- Feb 21: TK Enrollment Opens!
- March 6 - April 7: "TK Administrative Placement Request" Window
- May/June: Review of Kinder-eligible/summer birthday applicants

****Dates subject to change****

Enrollment Expectations and Considerations

TK Administrative Placement Requests

As with elementary grades, **students are expected to attend their local school of residence (SOR)**. Families may request an "TK Administrative Placement Request" to attend a school other than their SOR.

- Requests may be made to: ECPTK@capousd.org
- Requests must include the name of the requested school and *why* the request is being made
- Requests must be made during the request window of March 6 and April 7
- Requests will be reviewed after the window closes; the office of *Safety and Student Services* will send out follow-up communication to request
- Obligation to serve children within boundaries first
- If granted, it is for a **one-year placement**



Enrollment Expectations and Considerations

Kinder-Eligible Students

Kinder-eligible students whose birthday falls *between June 1 and September 1 may apply for TK.*

- Applications will be reviewed in May/June
- Obligation to serve all TK-eligible students first
- Students may be accepted into TK if space allows



Enrollment Expectations and Considerations

Impacted TK Classrooms/Sites

While TK will now be at every campus, there may be certain instances where classes have reached capacity. This means the site is full and can no longer enroll additional students. If this happens:

- Sites will communicate with the Early Childhood Programs office and identify next closest location with TK availability
- School of residence will then communicate this information to the family, but will start enrollment process with family
- Family will finalize enrollment at the designated school; school of residence will keep the student on a waitlist in case space opens up



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How Do I Enroll?

TK Registration and Enrollment Process



Enrollment Begins Online!

- ✓ Complete an AIR Registration:
<https://airregistration.capousd.org/AIR/>
- ✓ On **February 21 or later**, you may go to your school of residence to complete your registration



Documentation Needed to Enroll:

- ✓
 - AIR online confirmation page
 - Verification of residency (2)
 - Mortgage verification/rental agreement and current utility bill
 - Proof of age
 - Child's immunization record
 - Copy of parent/guardian ID



Kinder-Eligible Students Who Wish to Apply to TK:

- ✓ Families will submit an “Intent to Register in Transitional Kindergarten for the ’23-24 School Year” form:
<https://webapps.capousd.org/TKApplication/>
- ✓ Intent to Register forms will be reviewed by the Early Childhood Programs office in May/June, and placements in a TK class will be made based on availability.
- ✓ If a student is placed into a TK program, a placement letter will be sent via email to the family which outlines the next steps to be taken in the registration process. Receiving school staff will be copied on this email.

**Students may be placed at another school site due to space*



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Most Frequently Asked Questions...

and time for Q & A!



Some FAQs

My child is TK eligible next year, but do I have to enroll in TK?

No. CUSD offer 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.

My child has already been in preschool for 2 years. Can I skip TK and enroll in Kindergarten?

As per our current Board Policy, children must be 5 years old on or by September 1st to enter Kindergarten.

We live in another school District. Do you accept transfers?

Yes! However you must complete the Interdistrict Transfer process first and get approval.

My child misses the TK eligibility window by 2 days with a birthday of April 4! Are there any exceptions to the cutoff dates?

At this time, there are no exceptions to the TK eligibility window. If your child falls just outside of TK window, then it is recommended that your child enroll in preschool.

Some FAQs (cont'd)

We prefer an Early Bird space vs. a Late Owl. Who decides that?

The school sites place students into the EB/LO sessions. It is recommended that you share any preference at the time of enrollment; the sites try their best to accommodate requests!

My child currently has an IEP. Will this be implemented in TK too?

Yes! Your child's case carrier will change. If there are proposed changes to your child's IEP for TK, your IEP team will have an IEP meeting with you in PK to discuss these proposed changes. Assessment is needed to determine if a child is no longer eligible for special education services.

I need afterschool care services for my child. Can they attend the YMCA?

Yes! Currently the YMCA is able to offer services for TK students and older.

Q&A


Type any questions you
may have in the chat!




Thank you!

Please reach out if you have any questions!



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 <https://www.capousd.org/subsites/Early-Childhood-Education/TK/index.html>