



## 2023-24 Transitional Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Transitional Kindergarten?**

Transitional kindergarten (TK) is the **first year of a two-year kindergarten program** that uses a developmentally and age-appropriate modified kindergarten curriculum. TK does not replicate preschool or kindergarten. It addresses the child's language, literacy, and pre-math skills with an emphasis on social and emotional development. The program blends preschool and readiness standards for kindergarten with a focus on hands-on and experiential learning. Research shows that taking the time for readiness for school can predict success later in the formative years of elementary and secondary education. Getting a strong start is very important.

### **Who can attend Transitional Kindergarten?**

With the rollout of California's Universal TK, children who turn 5 from September 2, 2023 through April 2, 2024 are eligible to enroll in TK for the 2023-24 school year.

### **My child turns 5 on April 3, 2024. Can an exception be made for my child to enroll in TK?**

No. Children must turn 5 on or before April 2, 2024 to attend TK. Assessments are not used to determine TK enrollment eligibility.

### **My child turns 5 in March 2023. Can I enroll my child to attend TK in this school year (2022-23)?**

No. A child must turn 5 by February 2, 2022 to enroll in TK in the 2022-23 (current) school year.

### **My child has a birthday that falls within the TK age-eligibility window. Can my child skip TK and enroll directly in kindergarten?**

No. We strictly adhere to the age eligibility requirements for a child to enroll in kindergarten. A child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2023 to enroll in kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year.

### **What will the Transitional Kindergarten program look like for my child?**

The TK program is taught by credentialed teachers and runs 5 days a week for approximately 200 minutes per day, the same amount of minutes as a typical kindergarten day. TK offers a developmentally appropriate curriculum that allows

students to explore, create, and learn through purposeful play based activities. Social emotional, fine motor, and academic skills are all integrated in this hands-on program to build a strong foundation for meeting the rigor of kindergarten the following year.

### **How is TK different from Kindergarten?**

TK is a bridge from Preschool to Kindergarten. **It does not replace kindergarten.** The program uses the California Preschool Learning Foundations to lay a solid educational foundation and prepare our youngest learners for future academic success.

### **When can I sign my child up for Transitional Kindergarten?**

The 2023-24 TK and Kindergarten enrollment window will run from November 14 - December 16. Completed online enrollment applications must be submitted by December 16 to be included in the first round of confirmation of space at the resident school site. Online enrollment applications submitted after December 16 are received on a first come-first served basis for space.

### **Where do I enroll?**

Our enrollment process is all online. The online enrollment application and forms are available on the San Ramon Valley Unified School District website at: [www.srvusd.net/enrollyourchild](http://www.srvusd.net/enrollyourchild).

### **Will there be space for everyone interested in Transitional Kindergarten?**

All students turning 5 between September 2, 2023 and April 2, 2024 are guaranteed a space in the Transitional Kindergarten Program for the 2023-24 school year.

### **Where will the Transitional Kindergarten classes be held?**

Although all elementary schools in SRVUSD house a TK classroom, the number of TK classes at each school site for the 2023-24 school year have not been finalized.

### **Is TK mandatory ?**

TK is not a mandatory grade. Families with students who turn 5 between September 2nd, 2023 and April 2nd, 2024 have the option to enroll in TK **or** keep their child in preschool.

### **Do children in universal TK have to meet the same vaccination requirements as in regular kindergarten?**

Yes. Under [California's kindergarten immunization requirements](#) , even four year old children need their pre-kindergarten immunizations prior to the first day of TK.

### **What happens after a year of Transitional Kindergarten?**

Transitional Kindergarten is intended to be the **first year of a two year** kindergarten

program. Students will move to kindergarten the following year, will have a space reserved for them at their resident school, and will not have to re-enroll.

**My child is in SRVUSD preschool, do I still need to complete a new student enrollment for TK?**

Yes. TK-12th grade is a separate enrollment from our preschool program.

**What if I have more questions?**

For more information you may call Student Services at (925) 552-5042.

Additional information regarding Transitional Kindergarten can be found in Ed Code [Section 48000](#).