



What Happens in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom?

In **Transitional Kindergarten**, teachers help children develop social skills through activities that build confidence and communication. They also expose children to reading and math in an exciting, interactive way by using educational games to teach children about words and sentences and help them understand mathematical concepts like counting and patterns.

Rowland Unified School District offers Transitional Kindergarten classes at all elementary school sites.

- **High-Quality Kindergarten** readiness classes are at no cost to parents and are taught by credentialed teachers.
- **Length of school day:** Monday – Friday, regular school day as Kindergarten.
- **Shared activities:** They participate in all kindergarten activities such as music and art throughout the year.
- **Skills for Future Success:** Students are engaged in learning fine and large motor skills and increasing their language development with hands-on activities that are age and developmentally appropriate.

"In Transitional Kindergarten we not only pay attention to where children come from and what children bring with them in the way of culture and language, but we also give importance to what children need socially and emotionally at this young age because we know that it will eventually lead to greater academic success." – Miriam Kim, Director of Elementary Education



Why is Transitional Kindergarten Good for Kids?

Transitional Kindergarten provides children with an opportunity to learn in an enriching and academically challenging environment that nurtures their growth. Research shows that children who attend kindergarten readiness programs like Transitional Kindergarten are more likely to do well in school and attend college.

Parents all over California recognize the benefits of **Transitional Kindergarten**, and many parents have already been enrolling their children in similar programs, public and private, for years. Offering Transitional Kindergarten will help all of our kids get the best start possible, with curriculum that is designed just for them.



Transitional Kindergarten

A strong start for young learners



2018-19

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What is Transitional Kindergarten?

In Rowland Unified for the 2018-19 school year, Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a bridge between preschool and Kindergarten for children turning 5 years old between September 2, 2018 and March 31, 2019. It gives young learners an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment tailored to meet their academic and social needs.



- Uses a unique, specialized curriculum that is based on the Kindergarten standards and is designed to support young 5 year olds.
- Is taught by credentialed teachers with extra training to teach young Kindergarteners.
- Provides parents an additional option to ensure their children enter Kindergarten with the maturity and skills they need to excel.

How Can I Learn More?
TK Curriculum Questions
Elementary Education (626) 854-8371
TK Registration Information
Student Services (626) 935-8281
www.tkcalifornia.org

Starting school is a very exciting time for children and their families! It begins a new chapter in their lives and sets the tone for children's future. But California's Kindergarten standards and curriculum have changed over the years, and many of the skills children were once taught in first grade are now expected in Kindergarten. This can make the transition into Kindergarten difficult for some children, and the youngest children entering the Kindergarten classroom often struggle to adjust.

The good news is that California passed a law to create **Transitional Kindergarten**, giving children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive way that supports their development, while still maintaining the rigor and high standards of kindergarten.

In RUSD, Transitional Kindergarten is offered to children turning 5 years old between September 2, 2018 and March 31, 2019 to give them an opportunity develop the social and academic skills and the confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

"Transitional Kindergarten is about learning through actual experiences because we know that children remember by doing."
- Yvonne Martini, Hollingworth TK Teacher

Who Attends Transitional Kindergarten?

In California, the law says children must turn 5 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in Kindergarten.

Previously, children could be enrolled in Kindergarten if they turned 5 years old by December 2. While this change of a few months may seem small, it can mean a big difference during these early years when children are rapidly growing and developing.

The law also created **Transitional Kindergarten**, so the children who will be affected by this change – **those with birthdays between September and December** – will have an opportunity to continue building their skills and abilities. Their time in Transitional Kindergarten will help them to succeed in Kindergarten, become leaders in the classroom and confidently navigate the school day routine.

