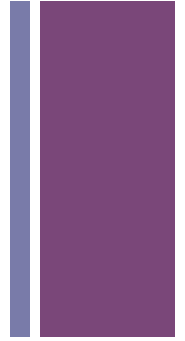


Transitional Kindergarten

Closing the Opportunity Gap for
our Youngest Students

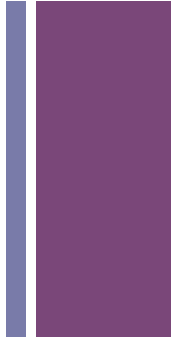
+ Outcomes



- Explain the Governor's Proposal
- Define Transitional Kindergarten and the Rationale
- Clarify the enrollment process

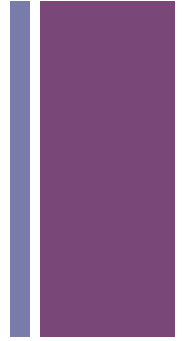


Governor's Budget Proposal



- San Jose Unified is proud to announce that we will be offering Transitional Kindergarten classes at many of our elementary schools.
- While there is still some uncertainty around state budgeting for education, we recognize that our families cannot wait for the legislature to come to consensus. San Jose Unified's Board of Education has made the offering of a quality TK program a priority and want to assure our community that our mission to close the opportunity gap and provide every student the finest 21st century education starts the very day the enter San Jose Unified School District.

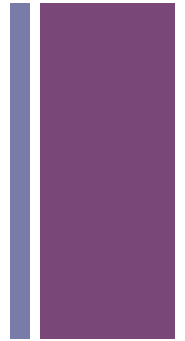
+ A Change in the Law



- Senate Bill 1381 changes California's entry-age for kindergarten from five years of age by December 2nd to September 2nd.
- For those “young fives” the bill creates Transitional Kindergarten to build the bridge between early learning and kindergarten.



+ What is Transitional Kindergarten



CHILDREN ENTERING K-12
SYSTEM IN FALL



4 YEAR
OLDS



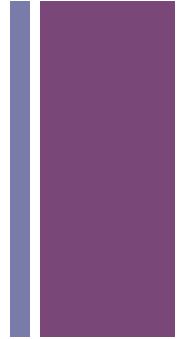
YEAR 1
TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN



YEAR 2
KINDERGARTEN



+ Transitional Kindergarten



- The first year of a two-year kindergarten program
- Uses modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate
 - Instruction based on kindergarten common core standards
- Curriculum with emphasis on Oral Language Development and Social Skills incorporating 21st Century Skills

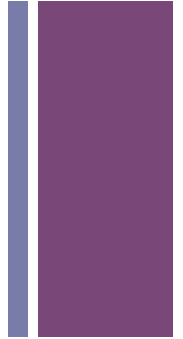


+ Rationale

- Children will be better prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond
- TK gives parents an additional option to help their children enter kindergarten with the maturity and skills needed to excel
- Kindergarten classes will focus on Kindergarten standards rather than Kindergarten readiness.

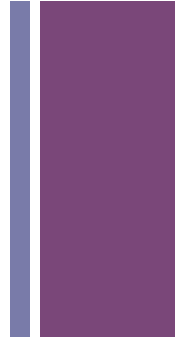


+ Benefits



- Year of kindergarten readiness provides strong, early start to help children read proficiently in third grade—critical milestone predicts whether a student will graduate from high school
- Research shows that beginning kindergarten at an older age:
 - Improves social, emotional, academic development
 - Boosts student achievement
 - Increases likelihood of attending college and earning higher wages

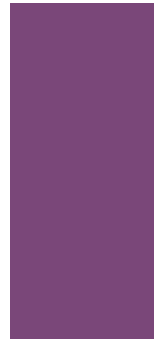
+ Enrollment



- Enrollment begins February 6
- Once enrolled in TK, parents do not have to re-enroll in kindergarten
- Students will be bused if their home school does not have a TK class.



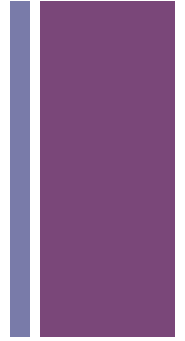
+ Does my school have TK?



Transitional Kindergarten Schools	
<u>SEI</u>	<u>ALA</u>
Allen	Empire
Booksin	Horace Mann
Canoas	Olinder
Empire	
Galarza	
Gardner	
Grant	
Graystone	
Horace Mann	
Los Alamitos	
Reed	
Schallenberger	
Simonds	
Williams	
Willow Glen	

Sites are
chosen
based on
enrollment

+ Procedures



- The grade level adjustment process will be used for parents that wish to appeal their child's placement.
 - Students enrolled in TK can be moved to Kindergarten
 - Kindergarten children can be moved to TK
 - TK students can skip Kindergarten and go to first grade

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