



## What Happens in a Transitional Kindergarten?

In Transitional Kindergarten, teachers help children develop social skills through activities that build confidence and communication.

Teachers 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, quantity, and patterns.

- ★ Transitional Kindergarteners have their own classroom with their own credentialed teacher.
- ★ The Transitional Kindergarten program follows the full day schedule of Traditional Kindergarten with a five hour daily program.
- ★ Students will learn important foundational content skills for kindergarten, but the emphasis will be on strengthening their Oral Language and Social Skills.
- ★ They learn by working with the teacher in small and large groups and also have opportunities for independent exploration.



## Contact Us!

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For answers to frequently asked questions on Transitional Kindergarten, visit:

**<http://www.sjusd.org>**

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# Transitional Kindergarten



## Building a Bridge For Lifelong Success



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*Inspiring and Preparing for Success*

## What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is an early childhood education program that builds a bridge between preschool years and traditional kindergarten.

This program provides children with:

- ★ A well planned classroom program to build necessary social and academic skills.
- ★ Instruction in literacy and numeracy along with a strong emphasis on self regulation and social engagement.

Our daily schedule includes whole group and small group instruction, independent, and “hands-on” learning. The Transitional Kindergartners enjoy lunch and recess with their fellow kindergarten friends and participate in all kindergarten activities throughout the year.

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 their 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 taught 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 recently passed a law (SB 1381) 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.

## 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. Offering Transitional Kindergarten will help all of our students get the best start possible, with curriculum that is designed just for them.

## Transitional Kindergarten...

- ★ Will be offered to children turning 5 years old between September 1 and December 2.
- ★ Is part of the public school system and is free for families.
- ★ Uses unique, specialized curriculum that is based on the kindergarten standards and is designed to support young 5 year olds.
- ★ Will give students an opportunity to develop social and academic skills.
- ★ Gives students confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

## How to Enroll

Transitional Kindergarten will be offered at several San Jose Unified elementary schools located throughout the district.

Beginning December 1, 2011 call the numbers below for an appointment.

Enrollment starts February 6, 2012

### **Burnett Information & Enrollment Center**

110 East Hedding Street  
San Jose, CA 95112

**Appointments: (408) 535-6412**

### **SJUSD Information & Enrollment Center**

820 Steinbeck Drive  
San Jose, CA 95136

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