

Typical Kindergarten Readiness Skills

Many children who enter Kindergarten...

- show interest in books and reading
- can tell and retell familiar stories
- know some songs and rhymes
- can identify some letters (especially those in his/her name)
- use 5-10 word complete sentences
- identify colors, shapes, and numbers 1-10
- can say and sing the alphabet
- can recognize and write their name
- can put together simple puzzles
- are willing to try to complete a task
- understand and follow rules and two step directions
- can sit for short periods of time
- communicate their personal needs
- are independent in their personal care
- will share, play and cooperate with others
- express ideas with drawings
- ask questions about the world around them
- can use crayons, pencil, scissors, and glue appropriately



San Luis Coastal Unified School District



Transitional Kindergarten 2021-2022

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

The Kindergarten Readiness Act is a law that changed the age for entrance into kindergarten in California. Children must now be five years of age for kindergarten by September 1st. Transitional Kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program for children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and December 2. After students complete one year in Transitional Kindergarten, they return to their home school for kindergarten. This development program acts as a link between the flexible environment of preschool and the more structured academic setting of Kindergarten. Instruction focuses on literacy and numeracy, along with a strong emphasis on self-regulation and social engagement.

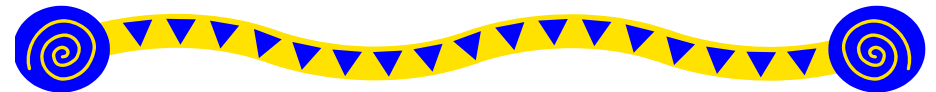
What is the Transitional Kindergarten Program?

Transitional Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten that gives fall birthday children an opportunity to learn important academic and social skills in a hands-on way that supports their development. 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 to attend college.

This is important because 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. Transitional Kindergarten allows families to give their children the gift of time to develop at their own pace and continue building the social, emotional, and academic skills that will help them succeed in elementary school.



Transitional Kindergarten is a five day a week, half-day program. Students work with a fully credentialed kindergarten teacher trained in early childhood development.



Where are the Transitional Kindergarten Classes?

For the 2021-2022 school year, Transitional Kindergarten classes will be located at the following school sites:

- ❖ Bishop's Peak Elementary
- ❖ Del Mar Elementary
- ❖ Monarch Grove Elementary
- ❖ Sinsheimer Elementary
- ❖ C.L. Smith Elementary

Applications will be available on March 1, 2021 at www.slcsd.org/enrollment.php and at each of our elementary school offices. For more information, contact your child's home school or Rick Mayfield, Director of Learning and Achievement, at (805) 549-1225.