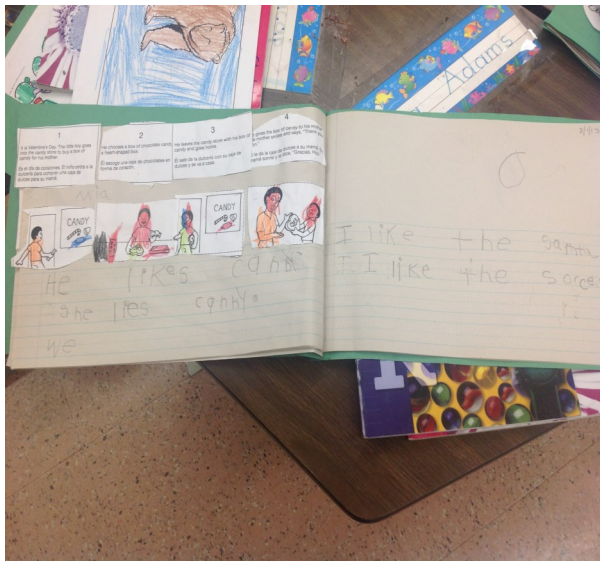




Why is TK important for WCCUSD students?

- 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 children get the best start possible, with curriculum that is designed just for them.



Transitional Kindergarten Facts

Q: How and why did California decide to implement a transitional kindergarten program?

A: Children in California were eligible for kindergarten if they turned five years old by December 1. Most states do not allow children to begin kindergarten at age four. California also has some of the highest learning standards, yet many "young fives" (kindergarteners with fall birthdays) were not ready socially or developmentally to meet these standards. Providing "young fives" with a year of transitional kindergarten gives them more time to develop socially and cognitively and to be successful in school.

Establishing transitional kindergarten and moving up the kindergarten start date in California are part of the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010.

Q: Who is eligible for transitional kindergarten?

A: A child is eligible for transitional kindergarten if he or she will have their fifth birthday between:

- For the 2017-2018 school year and each school year thereafter: September 2 and December 2, 2017

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"Children are active participants in their own learning. Very young children begin to learn about the world through their remarkable capacity to create knowledge from early experience."

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What is Transitional Kindergarten? (TK)

A new law was recently passed in California to change the age when children can begin kindergarten. Under this new law, children must turn 5 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

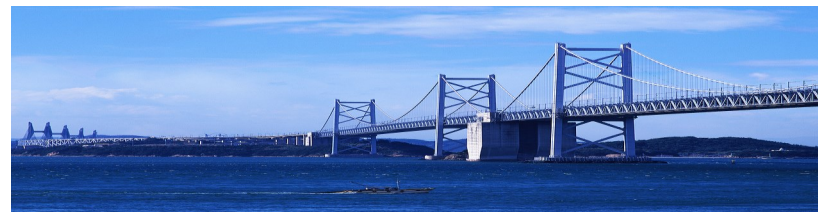
- California's kindergarten curriculum and standards have changed over the years, and many of the skills children were once taught in first grade are now taught in kindergarten. TK is the right program at the right time.



- TK uses a modified curriculum that is based on the kindergarten Common Core Standards, developmentally appropriate practices.



- It helps children adjust to the school environment and develop strong learning skills.
- TK provides children with the gift of time to learn skills that will help them build a strong foundation for success in elementary school.
- TK serves as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten, giving children more time for hands-on, interactive learning.
- TK gives children the opportunity to spend time learning important social, emotional, and academic skills that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.
- TK provides young learners with a high-quality early education at no cost to parents.
- TK helps children adjust to the school environment and develop strong learning skills.
- TK provides young 5 year olds with an opportunity to start their kindergarten experience with children their own age, with teachers that can tailor lesson plans to their needs.



Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Locations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bayview Elementary School
3001 -16th Street
San Pablo, CA 94806
Principal, Mr. Humphrey Kiuruwi | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nystrom Elementary School
230 Harbour Way
Richmond, CA 94801
Principal, James Allardice |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chavez Elementary School
960-17th Street
Richmond, CA 94801
Principal, Alison Evert | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olinda Elementary School
5855 Olinda Road
Richmond, CA 94803
Principal, Amandeep Randhawa |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronado Elementary School
2001 Virginia Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804
Principal, Linda Cohen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peres Elementary School
719-5th Street
Richmond, CA 94801
Principal, Jawan Eldridge |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover Elementary School.
1871-21st Street
San Pablo, CA 94806
Principal, Rubi Gonzalez | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shannon Elementary School
685 Marlesta Road
Pinole, CA 94564
Principal, Dan MacDonald |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downer Elementary School
1231-18th Street
San Pablo, CA 94806
Principal, Marco Gonzales | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheldon Elementary School
2601 May Road
Richmond, CA 94803
Principal, Melissa Sigars |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ford Elementary School
2711 Maricopa Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804
Principal, Teresa Barrera | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stege Elementary School
4949 Cypress Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804
Principal, Kim Moses |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Elementary School
2400 Downer Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804
Principal, Farnaz Heydari | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harding Elementary School
7230 Fairmount Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530
Principal, Linda Takimoto | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Elementary School
2700 11th Street
San Pablo, CA 94806
Principal, Wendy Gonzalez | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lupine Hills Elementary School
1919 Lupine Road
Hercules, CA 94547
Principal, Michael Aaronian | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Montalvin Elementary School
300 Christine Drive
San Pablo, CA 94806
Principal, Katherine Acosta | |



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