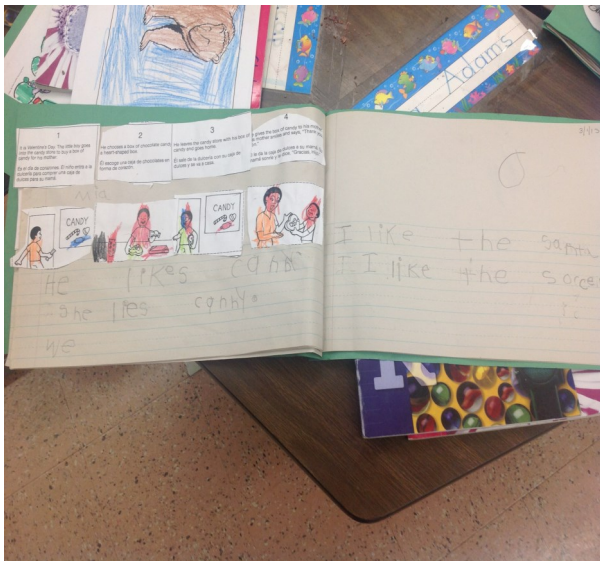




## Why is TK important for WCCUSD students?

- 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 2015-2016 school year and each school year thereafter: September 2 and December 2.

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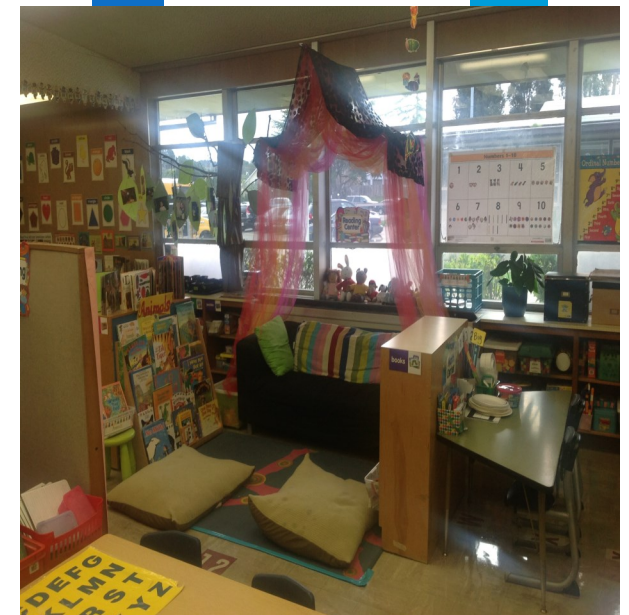
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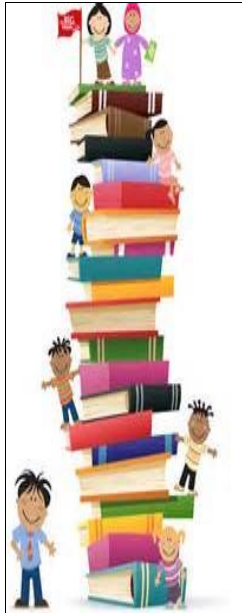


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## What is Transitional Kindergarten?

(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

- **Bayview Elementary School**  
3001 -16<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Pablo, CA 94806  
Principal, Mr. Humphrey Kiuruwi
- **Chavez Elementary School**  
960-17th Street  
Richmond, CA 94801  
Principal, Alison Evert
- **Coronado Elementary School**  
2001 Virginia Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94804  
Principal, Linda Cohen
- **Dover Elementary School.**  
1871-21<sup>st</sup> Street  
San Pablo, CA 94806  
Principal, Rubi Gonzalez
- **Downer Elementary School**  
1231-18th Street  
San Pablo, CA 94806  
Principal, Marco Gonzales
- **Ford Elementary School**  
2711 Maricopa Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94804  
Principal, Teresa Barrera
- **Grant Elementary School**  
2400 Downer Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94804  
Principal, Farnaz Heydari
- **Harding Elementary School**  
7230 Fairmount Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
Principal, Linda Takimoto
- **Lake Elementary School**  
2700 11th Street  
San Pablo, CA 94806  
Principal, Wendy Gonzalez
- **Lupine Hills Elementary School**  
1919 Lupine Road  
Hercules, CA 94547  
Principal, Michael Aaronian
- **Montalvin Elementary School**  
300 Christine Drive  
San Pablo, CA 94806  
Principal, Katherine Acosta
- **Nystrom Elementary School**  
230 Harbour Way  
Richmond, CA 94801  
Principal, James Allardice
- **Olinda Elementary School**  
5855 Olinda Road  
Richmond, CA 94803  
Principal, Amandeep Randhawa
- **Peres Elementary School**  
719-5th Street  
Richmond, CA 94801  
Principal, Jawan Eldridge
- **Shannon Elementary School**  
685 Marlesta Road  
Pinole, CA 94564  
Principal, Dan MacDonald
- **Sheldon Elementary School**  
2601 May Road  
Richmond, CA 94803  
Principal, Melissa Sigars
- **Stege Elementary School**  
4949 Cypress Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94804  
Principal, Kim Moses



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