



Questions for Parents to Ask Local School District About TK

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is expanding to serve all 4-year-olds by the 2025-26 school year. As a parent, you likely have lots of questions about what this means for your child. Since every school district is different, the specifics about how and where to enroll your child in TK will vary depending where you live. Below are some general, but important, questions you can ask your local school district to better understand your options for enrolling your child in TK.

- Is my child eligible for TK programs in this school district?
- What is your timeline for expanding TK to serve all 4-year-olds? Is TK offered at all elementary schools in the district?
 - If TK is not offered at my local school of residence, which schools is it available at?
 - If TK is not offered at my local school of residence, do I get to choose which school to enroll my child at?
 - If my child is enrolled at a different school for TK than our school of residence, can they stay at the same school for Kindergarten and following grades should we want to?
- What is the process for enrolling my child in TK?
 - What documents are needed to register and enroll?
 - What immunizations are required for my child to attend?
- How does your TK program support Dual Language Learners?
- Does your school offer any TK dual immersion programs? If so, in which language(s), and what is the enrollment process? Also, until which grade is this program available?
- How does your TK program support children with special needs?
- How long is the TK school day? Do you provide full-day or part-day programs, or both options?
- Are any of the TK classrooms mixed or combined with preschool or Kindergarten students?

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- Are there before- and after-school programs for children enrolled in TK? If so, where are they located?
- Is there a cost for before and after school programs?
- Is transportation provided for TK to school? If so, is there a cost?
- What does the curriculum look like in a TK classroom?
- Will there be opportunities for me to volunteer in the classroom? If so, what requirements do I need to meet (Megan's Law, fingerprinting, proof of negative TB test, vaccination requirements, etc.)?
- I am an employee of the district, could my child attend a school in the district, as we live in the next town.
- Does the district offer TK through Head Start, California State Preschool, or in a straight TK classroom? If so, what are the differences between the programs?
- How many children are in the TK class? And what is the child-adult ratio?
- Are any meals provided during the instructional day? If so, is there a cost?
- Are any meals provided during before or after school programs? If so, is there a cost?
- What supplies should my student bring for the first day of school?
- Are there bathrooms in or near the classroom? If they are not located in the classroom, how will my student get to and from the bathroom safely?
- How does the TK classroom address bathroom accidents?
- What's the best way to communicate with my student's TK teacher?
- Is there a TK orientation day for parents/guardians before school starts?