

FAQs for Transitional Kindergarten in the Fullerton School District (2024-2025 School Year)

1. What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?

Answer: Transitional Kindergarten (TK) bridges the path between early preschool and Kindergarten and gives students the gift of time to help them build a strong foundation for future school success. It blends social and emotional experiences with academic learning so that students learn essential pre-literacy, pre-math, and other cognitive skills and develop social and self-regulation skills needed to succeed in school and life.

It's aimed at giving young learners a head start and preparing them for success in kindergarten and beyond.

2. Who is eligible for TK in the Fullerton School District for the 2025-2026 school year?

Answer: For the 2024-2025 school year, children who turn 5 years old between September 2, 2024, and April 2, 2025, are eligible for TK in the Fullerton School District.

3. If my child turns 5 between June 1, 2024, and September 1, 2024, can I enroll them in TK instead of going into Kindergarten?

Answer: Once registration opens, you can request to enroll in TK based on space availability. You will be notified in August 2024. If space is available, the District Office will offer placement at a school site that may be able to accommodate this request. If your student is placed in TK as a kindergarten-age-eligible child, you must sign a continuance form agreeing to enroll in Kindergarten in the 2025-2026 school year.

4. What if my child's birthday falls after the TK eligibility window?

Answer: Children with birthdays after the TK cutoff are encouraged to enroll in preschool programs and can enroll in kindergarten the following year. See the [FSD Preschool website](#) for resources and guidance for parents seeking preschool options.

5. How can I register my child for TK in the Fullerton School District? What if I have questions about a transfer?

Answer: To register your child for TK, follow these steps:

Visit the Fullerton School District's official website and navigate to the [registration](#) section.

Registration begins on 2/26/24. Please see the [CWA website](#) if you have questions about Open Enrollment and transfers.

6. Is TK mandatory for eligible children?

Answer: No, TK is not mandatory.

7. What does the TK curriculum cover?

Answer: The TK curriculum focuses on early literacy, mathematics, social-emotional learning, and physical development, emphasizing play-based and experiential learning. It aims to cater to the whole child, fostering readiness for kindergarten's more structured learning environment.

The curriculum is designed for students 48 months - 60 months and is guided by Preschool Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations.

8. What is the daily schedule for TK in the Fullerton School District?

Answer: While specific schedules can vary by school, TK follows the elementary school kindergarten day, with adjustments made to suit the developmental needs of younger children. This includes a blend of instructional time, play, rest, and meal times.

9. Is there a cost for TK?

Answer: TK is a free public education program offered by the Fullerton School District. There are no tuition fees for attending TK.

10. What is the teacher-to-student ratio in TK?

Answer: Class sizes are capped at 24 students with a 12:1 student/adult ratio.

11. How does TK prepare my child for Kindergarten?

Answer: TK focuses on building foundational skills in literacy and math, along with important social-emotional competencies. This early start helps children adjust to the school environment, develop critical learning skills, and enter kindergarten with confidence.

For the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding Transitional Kindergarten registration and guidelines, please refer directly to the Fullerton School District's [website](#) and California Department of Education [website](#).