# FAQs for Transitional Kindergarten in the Fullerton School District (2025-2026 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 strong foundation 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 2025-2026 school year, children who turn 4 years old by September 1, 2025, are eligible for TK in the Fullerton School District.

## 4. What if my child's birthday falls outside of the TK eligibility window?

Answer: Children with birthdays outside of the TK birthday window are encouraged to enroll in preschool programs or Kindergarten based on their age. See the <u>FSD Preschool website</u> 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 <u>registration</u> section. Online Registration begins on 2/24/25. Please see the <u>CWA website</u> 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: 10:1 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 <u>website</u> and California Department of Education <u>website</u>.