

Transitional Kindergarten Registration Frequently Asked Questions 2016-2017

What is the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010?

Senate Bill (SB) 1381 (Chapter 705, Statutes of 2010) amended California Education Code (sections 46300, 48000, and 48010) to change the required birth date for admission to Kindergarten and first grade and established a Transitional Kindergarten program beginning in the 2012–2013 school year. .

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program that uses a modified Kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Pursuant to law (EC 48000[c]).

Is a district required to offer Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs?

Each elementary or unified school district must offer Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs for all children eligible to attend.

What is the minimum age for admittance to Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten?

A child is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten if a child will have his or her fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2, 2016. A child shall be admitted to Kindergarten at the beginning of a school year if the child will have his or her 5th birthday on or before September 1. (EC 48000[a])

Must children attend Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten?

Parents and guardians are currently not required to enroll children in Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten (EC 48200). However, parents who choose not to enroll their students in the Transitional Kindergarten program will have to wait until the following year to enroll their child in Kindergarten.

What is the curriculum for Transitional Kindergarten?

California law (EC 48000) defines Transitional Kindergarten as “the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program that uses a modified Kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.” While no State curriculum is mandated, local education agencies must modify the local course of study in order to provide age and developmentally appropriate curriculum for Transitional Kindergarten.

How do I determine what district school my child should attend?

A child’s School of Residence is based on the address at which s/he resides. If you are unsure which school is your child’s School of Residence, for Attendance Boundary Information, phone a District elementary school or the RVSD District Office at 415-451-4063 or visit our website at www.rossvalleyschools.org. The location of the Transitional Kindergarten program is dependent upon the number of students who enroll. Currently, all TK students attend Brookside for TK and then attend their school of residence for Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

How do I get Transitional Kindergarten Registration information?

To register for Transitional Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year, a child must be five years old between

September 2 and December 2, 2016. Parents/guardians can pick up Transitional Kindergarten Registration packets from their School of Residence beginning Monday, January 11, 2016.

When does Transitional Kindergarten Registration begin?

Parents/guardians can return completed Transitional Kindergarten Registration forms to their District School of Residence in the office beginning Monday, February 1, 2016. School offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm (except holidays). We encourage you to return your completed registration forms as soon as possible so we can plan for the number of classes needed for the 2016-17 school year.

When and where can I learn more about Transitional Kindergarten?

The Transitional Kindergarten program is under development for the 2016-17 school year as we do not yet know how many students will register. The number of classes, class configurations (e.g. straight TK or TK/K combination classes), and location of the TK program will depend on the number of students who register in each residence area. Returning completed forms to your District School of Residence will give us a way to contact you as we determine program configuration. Please attend the TK Orientation that will be held at Brookside School on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 from 6:30-7:30pm (an adult-only event). For questions, please contact Marci Trahan, Assistant Superintendent, at mtrahan@rossvalleyschools.org.

RVSD Elementary Schools (Grades TK or K – 5) & Contact Information

Beginning January 11, 2016, if you have a child who will turn 5 between September 2 and December 2, 2016, and is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year, we encourage you to pick up a registration packet from your child’s school of residence (based on the address at which your student resides). For Attendance Boundary Information, contact the District Office at 415-454-2162, view the Street Listing on the District website www.rossvalleyschools.org or phone a District school:

Campus	Principal	Administrative Assistant	Contact Number
Brookside	TBD	Marilyn Grove	415-453-2948
Hidden Valley	Kristi Fish	Teresa Machado	415-454-7409
Manor	Peg Minicozzi	Mary Chapman	415-453-1544
Wade Thomas	Donna Faulkner	Marlana Kenilvort	415-454-4603

Or contact the RVSD District Office at 415-451-4063 or visit our website at www.rossvalleyschools.org.