

Transitional Kindergarten Registration Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) 2017-2018

What is 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” (EC 48000[c]).

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

A child is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten if his or her fifth birthday occurs between September 2 and December 2, 2017. A child is eligible for Kindergarten his or her 5th birthday occurs on or before September 1, 2017. (EC 48000[a])

Must children attend Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten?

School districts must offer Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs for all children eligible to attend. Parents and guardians are currently not required to enroll children in Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten (EC 48200). Parents and guardians 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.

Is there a Transitional Kindergarten class at each elementary school?

Currently, all TK students attend Brookside for TK and then attend their school of residence for Kindergarten through 5th Grades. The Transitional Kindergarten program is under development for the 2017-18 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/s of the TK program will depend on the number of students who register in each residence area. Completing registration as soon as possible will assist us in determining how we configure the program and will give us a way to contact you with details.

When does Transitional Kindergarten Registration begin?

Our registration process includes online as well as hard copy and in-person components. Access to SchoolMint online enrollment begins Friday, January 20, 2017. To set up your SchoolMint account, go to <http://rvsd.schoolmint.net/>. SchoolMint registration must be completed before in-person registration can begin. For parents/guardians who do not have computer, online, or smartphone access, technology is available at the school sites. Parents/guardians can pick up the registration packet from their School of Residence beginning Thursday, January 12, 2017. In-Person Registration occurs at the student’s school of residence and begins Monday, January 20, 2017. School offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm (except holidays). The in-person registration materials are not accepted via fax, mail, or email. We encourage you to complete registration as soon as possible so we can plan for the 2017-18 school year.

Can my child attend school if s/he doesn't have the age-required immunizations?

A child must receive all required immunizations for his/her age, verified by a healthcare provider, in order to attend school. Parents/Guardians provide current immunizations at the time of registration. In the event the child hasn't completed all required immunizations for school at registration, verification of all required immunizations must be provided by Friday, August 10, 2017 by 4:00pm or the determination of the child's class and/or school placement may be delayed.

When are student classroom assignments announced?

Schools will notify families via email of their students' class assignment no later than the day before the first day of school. Please note that class and/or school assignments will only be provided once all registration paperwork is completed, including verification of required immunizations.

How can I learn more about Transitional Kindergarten?

Check out our school district website at www.rossvalleyschools.org. Additionally, please attend the TK Orientation that will be held at Brookside School on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 6:30-7:30pm (an adult-only event). For questions, please contact Marci Trahan, Assistant Superintendent, at mtrahan@rossvalleyschools.org.

Can I tour a school?

Parent/guardian tours are available at each site. Please call the school office for details.

What if I have questions about registration or determining my child's school of residence?

For more information about registration or attendance boundary information, check out our school district website at www.rossvalleyschools.org or contact a district school or the RVSD District Office (415-451-4063). For attendance boundary information view the Street Listing on the District website.

| Campus | Principal | Administrative Assistant | Contact Number |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Brookside | Judith Barry | Heather Levi | 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 |

How can I find out about Before School / After School care on District Campuses?

Note: While these programs are housed at the school sites, they are run by separate entities.

| District Campus Location | Facility | Contact # |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Brookside | YMCA Child Care | 415-460-1050 |
| Hidden Valley | YMCA Child Care | 415-457-4465 |
| Manor | YMCA Child Care | 415-456-5349 |
| Wade Thomas | San Anselmo Afterschool Program | 415-453-3181 |