

## Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

In accordance with the Kindergarten Readiness Act, in the 2016-2017 school year, children who turn 5 years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> will be admitted into Kindergarten. Children who turn 5 years old on September 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2016 are age-eligible for an extra year of public school, Transitional Kindergarten (TK).

Transitional Kindergarten bridges the preschool and Kindergarten years. Taught by a multiple-subject credentialed teacher, TK is part of a two-year Kindergarten program that offers a modified curriculum which is based on the CA Preschool Learning Foundations and the Kindergarten Common Core Standards. This grade level provides children time to build necessary social, developmental, and academic skills for Kindergarten success and beyond.

At the time of application, eligible students will be placed in Transitional Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year then continue into Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year.

### DISCOVER

Transitional Kindergarten is offered at the following SFUSD Early Education Schools (EES) and Elementary Schools (ES). Please note that R.L. Stevenson Elementary School offers TK Moderate/Severe special education services only. Families interested in visiting Transitional Kindergarten classrooms should contact the school sites directly to schedule a tour.

SCHOOL SITE	HOURS	PRINCIPAL	PHONE	TK HOURS	ADDITIONAL SERVICES
<b>Alvarado Elementary School</b> 625 Douglass Street, S.F., CA. 94114 (Noe Valley)	7:50a-1:50p	Jennifer Kuhr Butterfoss	(415) 695-5695	7:50a-1:50p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Argonne Early Education School</b> 750 – 16th Avenue, S.F., CA. 94118 (Richmond District)	7:30a-5:30p	Mindy Yip	(415) 750-8617	8:00a-2:00p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Commodore Stockton Early Education School</b> 1 Trenton Street, S.F., CA. 94108 (Chinatown)	7:30a-5:30p	Mindy Yip	(415) 291-7932	8:15a-2:15p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Bret Harte Elementary School</b> 1035 Gilman Avenue, S.F., CA. 94124 (Bayview)	8:25a-2:40p	Jeremy Hilinski	415-330-1520	8:25a-2:40p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Bessie Carmichael Elementary School</b> 375 - 7th Street , San Francisco, CA. 94103 (SOMA)	8:40a-2:40p	Tina Lagdamen	(415) 615-8441	8:40a-2:40p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School</b> 50 Pomona Street, S.F., CA. 94124 (Bayview)	7:50a-1:50p	Marian Currell	(415) 330-1526	7:50a-1:50p	Before/After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Leonard R. Flynn Elementary School</b> 3125 Cesar Chavez Street, S.F., CA. 94110 (Mission)	8:40a-2:40p	Ricky Mendoza	(415) 695-5770	8:40a-2:40p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>John McLaren Early Education School</b> 2055 Sunnydale Avenue, S.F., CA. 94134 (Visitacion Valley)	7:30a-5:30p	Nur Je Khalique	(415) 469-4519	8:30a-2:30p	Before/After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Junipero Serra Annex Early Education School</b> 155 Appleton Street, S.F., CA. 94110 (Bernal Heights)	7:30a-5:30p	Jane Mancina	(415) 920-5138	8:45a-2:45p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Leola M. Havard Early Education School</b> 1520 Oakdale Avenue, S.F., CA. 94124 (Bayview)	7:30a-5:30p	Tarsha Jordon-Oliver	(415) 695-5660	8:30a-2:30p	Before/After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Noriega Early Education School</b> 1775-44th Avenue, S.F., CA. 94122 (Sunset)	8:00a-6:00p	Ivy Ng	(415) 759-2853	8:00a-2:00p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Presidio Early Education School</b> 387 Moraga Avenue, S.F., CA. 94129 (Presidio Nat'l Park)	7:45a-5:45p	Carolyn Cook	(415) 561-5822	8:00a-2:00p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>R. L. Stevenson Elementary School (Special Education)</b> 2051 – 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, S.F., CA. 94116 (Outer Sunset)	8:40a-2:40p	Diane Lau-Yee	(415) 759-2837	TBD	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Redding Elementary School</b> 1421 Pine Street, S.F., CA. 94109 ( Nob Hill)	8:25a-2:30p	Jeanne Dowd	(415) 749-3525	8:25a-2:30p	Before/After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Sheridan Elementary School</b> 431 Capitol Avenue, S.F., CA. 94112 ( Ocean View)	7:50a-2:05p (Wednesdays 7:50a-12:50p)	Dina Edwards	(415) 469-4743	7:50a-2:05p (Wednesdays 7:50a-12:50p)	Before/After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Tenderloin Community Elementary School</b> 627 Turk Street, S.F., CA. 94102 ( Civic Center)	8:40a-2:40p	Anastasia Shattner	(415) 749-3567	8:40a-2:40p	N/A
<b>Tule Elk Park Early Education School</b> 2110 Greenwich Street, S.F., CA. 94123 (Marina/Cow Hollow)	7:30a-5:30p	Kathlene Dominguez	(415) 749-3551	8:30a-2:30p	After School Options (Based on availability)
<b>Zaida T. Rodriguez Early Education School</b> 421 Bartlett Avenue, S.F., CA. 94110 (Mission)	7:30a-5:30p	Jane Mancina	(415) 695-5844	8:00a-2:00p	N/A

## APPLY & ENROLL

The application and enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten parallels the application and enrollment process for elementary schools as described in the “Apply” and “Enroll” sections of the guide. Please see the policy section for a description of the TK assignment process. Parents who are interested in Transitional Kindergarten should complete a Transitional Kindergarten Application form. Submit the form and supporting documents to the Educational Placement Center located at 555 Franklin Street, Room 100; San Francisco, CA. 94102.

## Transitional Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

### **My child turns 5 years old between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. What options do I have?**

Parents must decide which environment is appropriate for their child. There are 2 options:

- a) Parents may enroll in a District PreK program (or, if already enrolled in PreK, children may stay in PreK an additional year). Subsidies or tuition for PreK still apply. These families are opting out of Transitional Kindergarten (TK). OR
- b) Parents may enroll their child in a SFUSD Transitional Kindergarten program.

### **What does a high quality TK environment look like?**

TK sets the stage for learning through inquiry, exploration, and problem solving while introducing children to grade-level content standards. The teacher and peers nurture language development through interactions and conversation. The environment promotes independence, social emotional skills, and self-regulation that are essential for a successful entry into Kindergarten.

### **What are the TK teacher qualifications? What is the teacher-to-child ratio in TK?**

TK is taught by a multiple subject credentialed teacher (elementary school credential). The Early Education Department provides support for the TK teacher through ongoing Professional Development and Coaching.

Just as in a SFUSD Kindergarten classroom, the credentialed teacher is the only adult required in a TK classroom, resulting in a possible 1:22 teacher to student ratio.

### **Is there a snack and lunch for TK students?**

Lunch is offered at district schools. If you want your child to participate in the meal program, please complete the meal application form or go to the SFUSD website at [www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu) and click on the “Nutrition & School Meals” tab.

### **If there are more requests than spaces available at a given school, what are the TK program tiebreakers?**

Students who are eligible and are requesting Transitional Kindergarten will be assigned to their highest ranked request as long as there is space at the school. If there are more students applying than there are openings at a particular school, choice assignments will be made by looking to all the possible combinations of tie-breakers in the following hierarchical order.

1. Presently enrolled in the SFUSD Early Education School offering TK. Students who have been enrolled in a Pre-K program in the 2015-2016 school year where TK will be offered in 2016-17, will receive this tiebreaker for their current school.
2. Has a younger sibling enrolled in a SFUSD Pre-K program and are requesting placement at the same site. In an effort to support families with siblings, the TK student will have a tiebreaker for the site where a younger sibling is already attending a pre-K program. Siblings are defined as students with the same parent/guardian and living at the same address.
3. Lives in an area of the city with the lowest average test scores.

### **What are my options if my TK age child has special needs?**

Families should identify their child’s special need(s) on the Application Form and attach formal documentation. Individual considerations will be made for these children.

Contact the Education Placement Center at (415) 241-6085 with any additional questions.