

Transitional Kindergarten FAQ Sheet - 2019

The Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 established transitional kindergarten for children with birthdays between September 2, 2014 and December 2, 2014. Davis Joint Unified School District offers Transitional Kindergarten (TK) to all age eligible children. TK offers a developmentally appropriate curriculum for our youngest students in the district and build a strong foundation for school success.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What sites will host a TK program in 2019-2020 school year?

-DJUSD is opening TK enrollment at three elementary school sites for the upcoming school year (Korematsu, Patwin, and Pioneer Elementary Schools). Should TK enrollment increase or decline, we may need to eliminate or add additional programs. The decision to add or eliminate a program will be made to impact or inconvenience the fewest number of families.

Where will my child attend Transitional Kindergarten?

-TK programs will be offered at the sites noted above. Because of the limited programming, we attempt to coordinate enrollment based on geography. Generally, children in the Birch Lane and Korematsu attendance areas will attend Korematsu; children in the Montgomery and Pioneer attendance areas will attend Pioneer; and children in the Patwin and Willett attendance areas will attend Patwin. Children in the North Davis attendance area will attend either the Patwin or Korematsu program (we will ask your preference during registration). If a site is over-enrolled, a lottery will be held to determine placement by the end of April, 2019. Students not placed at their first choice will be enrolled in one of the other TK programs that has available space.

When do I register my child for TK?

-Families may register their children for TK during Kindergarten enrollment on February 19, 2019.

Where do I register my child for TK?

-All families enrolling students in Transitional Kindergarten will register students at the DJUSD District Office, located at 526 B Street, between 9:00AM and 3:30PM. We will make every effort to place students as noted above and will conduct a lottery for placement should a program be over-enrolled. Families may apply for an Intra District Transfer to attend another site in DJUSD. Requests to transfer to another school are approved based upon space availability in the requested grade at the requested school.

What does the TK day look like?

-TK classes will be 3 hours and 20 minutes a day during either a morning or afternoon session similar to Kindergarten. It will follow the DJUSD school calendar.

Where will my child attend Kindergarten if they do not attend TK at our neighborhood school?

-For Kindergarten students enrollment will default back to each student's neighborhood school. Exceptions to this will be made if an intra-district transfer has been approved. Parents interested in any DJUSD magnet programs or sites (Spanish Immersion, Montessori, Two-Way Bilingual Immersion, or Fairfield) will need to complete a one page application on Kindergarten registration day next school year.

Should I bring my child to registration?

Children are welcome to accompany you to registration, but do not need to be present to enroll.

What if my child is Kindergarten eligible but we think TK would be better for them?

-There are cases where school districts and parents agree that even though the child is age eligible for kindergarten, TK is the best placement for him or her. For these 5 year old children that would be better served in TK, they may be enrolled in transitional kindergarten on a case-by-case basis. For these instances, students will be enrolled in Kindergarten and parents notified by Monday, August 19 if placement in TK will occur. Should a Kindergarten eligible student participate in a TK program, a "Kindergarten Continuance" form will need to be completed (in collaboration with the school site) for the child to attend Kindergarten in the subsequent year.

What if my child is TK eligible but we think they are ready for Kindergarten?

On a case-by-case basis for TK eligible students, early admission into Kindergarten may occur. These children will attend Transitional Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year, but they must wait until their fifth birth date occurs (*EC* Section 48000) to request kindergarten placement. Placement is dependent upon available space and scoring in the top fifth percentile on Kindergarten assessments (*EC* Section 48001)

For more information, go to www.DJUSD.net, call the Instructional Services Department at 530-757-5300 ext. 144 or contact your local school site.