

Transitional Kindergarten Registration Entrance Dates



If your child's birthday falls between 11/1/2007 – 12/2/2007, your child is Eligible for Transitional Kindergarten in Santa Clara Unified School District.

- **Why has the State made this change?**
 - School isn't just about developing a child's intellectual capabilities; there are emotional, social, and physical factors to consider. Allowing an extra year for our young five year olds provides an opportunity for students to grow in these areas before facing the rigor of the academic world.
- **What options do I have for my child since they are not eligible for Kindergarten?**
 - Enroll in your home school in a Transitional Kindergarten program.
 - Stay or enroll in a private or public preschool.
 - Spend another year in the home environment.
- **Transitional Kindergarten in Santa Clara Unified:**
 - Focuses on self and social development, self regulation skills, language, literacy and math development all within a differentiated Kindergarten classroom in the late morning and afternoon.
 - Is the first year of a two year Kindergarten experience. Students will enroll in Kindergarten the following year.
- **Other things to consider?**
 - Transitional Kindergarten is a parent choice. Some students might benefit from another year of preschool, while others might benefit from the Transitional Kindergarten program.
 - Transitional Kindergarten enrollment does not allow for Open Enrollment.
 - Transitional Kindergarten students should register at their home school.
 - All Transitional Kindergarten students will receive an overload letter.
 - All Transitional Kindergarten students will start in their home school but may be moved to another school site with more space during the first three weeks of school.
- **Important Note:**

Due to persisting uncertainty at the California Department of Education, the Transitional Kindergarten program may be terminated with little notice in early 2012. SCUSD is informing parents of this uncertainty so that it can be considered by each family as they consider options for fall 2012. Some preschools may require a reservation for your child prior to the date by which SCUSD will be able to confirm the implementation of the Transitional Kindergarten program. Please consider this as you move forward in making plans for your child.

For more information, please contact your elementary school secretary or visit the Santa Clara Unified School District website at www.santaclarausd.org