



What Happens in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom?

In Transitional Kindergarten, teachers help children develop social skills through activities that build confidence and communication. They also expose children to reading and math in an exciting, interactive way by using educational games to teach children about words and sentences and help them understand mathematical concepts like counting and patterns.

Chico Unified School District's Transitional Kindergarten will offer:

- **Classroom facility and teacher:** Transitional Kindergarten classes will be located at Chapman, Citrus, Emma Wilson, John McManus, Loma Vista and Parkview.
- **Length of school day:** Students will attend school every day for more than three hours and may also eat lunch at the school.
- **Interactive activities:** Students will participate in exciting activities including music and art throughout the year.
- **Curriculum and learning:** Students learn important new skills that build on what they learned as a toddler. This helps them adjust to the elementary school environment.
- **Learning environment:** Students learn by working with the teacher in small and large groups and also have opportunities for independent exploration.

"I'm so glad we made the choice to enroll my son in transitional Kindergarten. He's very confident in school now and he's excited to learn more."

-Transitional Kindergarten Parent



Why is Transitional Kindergarten Good for Kids?

Transitional Kindergarten provides children with an opportunity to learn in an enriching and academically challenging environment that nurtures their growth. Research shows that children who attend kindergarten readiness programs like Transitional Kindergarten are more likely to do well in school and attend college.

Parents and teachers all over California and in Chico Unified School District recognize the benefits of Transitional Kindergarten, and many parents have been enrolling their children in a similar program for years. Offering Transitional Kindergarten will help all of our kids get the best start possible, with curriculum that is designed just for them.

How Can I Learn More?

To learn more about Transitional Kindergarten call

Ted Sullivan (530) 891-3000 ext. 137

For answers to some frequently asked questions regarding transitional Kindergarten, visit

www.chicousd.org



Transitional Kindergarten

A strong start for young learners





What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and Kindergarten for children turning 5 years old between September 2nd and December 2nd. It gives young learners a head start and provides them with an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs.

Transitional Kindergarten:

- Is part of the public school system and is free for families
- Uses a unique, specialized curriculum that is based on Preschool Foundational Standards and is a bridge to Kindergarten Standards
- Is designed to support 4 & 5 year olds
- Is taught by credentialed teachers with extra training to teach this age group
- Strengthens students' social and academic foundation for greater success in Kindergarten



Starting school is a very exciting time for children and their families! It begins a new chapter in their lives and sets the tone for children's future. But California's Kindergarten standards and curriculum have changed over the years, and many of the skills children were once taught in first grade are now taught in Kindergarten. This can make the transition into Kindergarten challenging.

The good news is, in 2012 California passed a law to provide Transitional Kindergarten. This gives children an opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive way that supports their development, while still maintaining the rigor and high standards of a regular classroom. Chico Unified School District offers Transitional Kindergarten that gives children the opportunity to develop the social and academic skills and the confidence that will help them succeed in Kindergarten and beyond.

Who Attends Transitional Kindergarten?

All children who turn five between September 2nd and December 2nd may attend a one-year Transitional Kindergarten program before starting Kindergarten the following year.

How Do I Register My Child for Transitional Kindergarten?

Parents of children who qualify to attend the Transitional Kindergarten program will register their children at their neighborhood school of attendance. In Chico Unified School District, registration takes place beginning in early December. Your neighborhood school, CUSD website or 891-3000 ext. 137 can provide exact days / times, plus check out our website at www.chicousd.org.

Some of the highlights of the Chico Unified School District's Transitional Kindergarten program are:

- ❖ Experienced certificated teaching staff
- ❖ Instructional/parent aides in every TK classroom
- ❖ Extended day program
- ❖ Strong academic and developmentally appropriate curriculum
- ❖ Positive classroom environments that advance the social-emotional development of children
- ❖ Progress Reports

