



## 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:** TK classes are located at Chapman, Citrus, Emma Wilson, Hooker Oak, John McManus, Little Chico Creek, Loma Vista and Parkview.
- **Length of school day:** Students attend an extended day program including lunch. The last hour is dedicated to social development and is an optional experience.
- **Curriculum and learning:** Students will engage in exciting activities in the areas of language arts, math, science, music, and art. They will practice and build upon social skills and learn to work with others in a classroom.
- **Learning environment:** Students will engage in small and large group instruction and have time in the day for self-selected activities. These experiences and learning classroom routines will help them prepare for Kindergarten.

*"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. 20137**

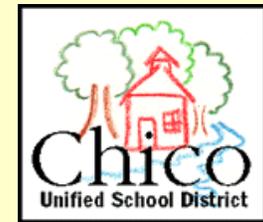
For answers to some frequently asked questions regarding transitional Kindergarten, visit

**[www.chicousd.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 the development of young 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 20137 can provide exact days / times, plus check out our website at [www.chicousd.org](http://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

