

Transitional Kindergarten

Important Information / Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to participate in the Rescue Union School District Transitional Kindergarten program?

Rescue Union School District will offer a Transitional Kindergarten program that fulfills the requirements of SB 1381 for districts to provide a program for students whose admission to kindergarten will be delayed because of the new age criteria.

Eligibility for transitional kindergarten if a child will have their fifth birthday between:

September 2 and December 2 (eligibility window for the 2014-2015 school year and each year thereafter).

Students whose birthdays fall in the transition period, September 2 to December 2 will have priority registration for the program. Students who are eligible for Kindergarten may still be considered for placement on a space availability basis. Students who will turn 5 after December 2 may be placed on a waiting list and admitted as they turn 5 depending on space availability.

What is “Transitional Kindergarten” and why would I enroll my child in a two-year kindergarten program instead of a regular one-year Kindergarten program?

This half-day, program is designed for students who have late birthdays or may not be developmentally ready for the accelerated pacing required to master California’s rigorous kindergarten standards in one school year. The program gives each student an additional year to grow and mature in a supportive environment, while providing the skills needed to be successful the following year in regular kindergarten.

What will my child learn in Transitional Kindergarten?

In addition to helping young students learn how to interact and build relationships with peers and adults, the curriculum focuses on improving readiness skills in English Language Arts (reading and writing) and mathematics (number sense and problem solving) as well as physical and motor development. The curriculum is structured around the Prekindergarten and Kindergarten California Content Standards.

Why is the District implementing this program?

Research studies such as those conducted by the Rand Corporation (“Strategies for Advancing Preschool Adequacy and Efficiency in California”) and the Santa Clara County Office of Education (“Does Readiness Matter? How Kindergarten Readiness Translates Into Academic Success”), clearly indicate that “readiness does matter”! Data indicates that children who enter kindergarten near proficient across all readiness skills perform significantly better in English and math in third, fourth, and fifth grades than do children of different readiness profiles. (Links to these studies are provided on this website.)

Is transportation to and from the program provided?

Transportation is provided only to Transitional Kindergarten students who live in the home school attendance boundaries and can ride existing transportation routes. For students from other schools, **parents must agree to provide transportation to and from the program each day.**

Who will teach the program?

The program will be taught by fully credentialed, experience kindergarten teachers.

Is Extended Day Child Care available for working parents?

The El Dorado County Office of Education offers the Extended Day Child Care at all our elementary schools. For information on this program, please call 530-295-2298.

Where do I go to enroll my child?

Enrollment packets are currently available at all elementary school offices.