



**Castro Valley USD
TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN 2016/17**

A Strong Start for Young Learners

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Transitional Kindergarten Information Night Agenda

February 22, 2016

- Welcome and Introductions
- What is Transitional Kindergarten?
- Question and Answer Session



Legislation Passed

SB 1381

What did the legislation do?

- The Readiness Act of 2010 changed kindergarten enrollment dates over three years from December 2nd to September 1st
- Created a *two year* Kindergarten for students with Sept. – Nov. birthdays (Transitional Kindergarten)





Progression of Roll Back

To enroll in Kindergarten, students must turn 5
by....

- November 1st - *for 2012/13*
- October 1 - *for 2013/14*
- September 1 – *for 2014/15 and ongoing*





“Today’s kindergarten classroom is a much different place than most of us experienced. We’re placing real academic demands on our kids, and the youngest are struggling to keep up. The evidence shows that giving these younger kindergarteners an extra year can make a big difference in their long-term success.”





Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

- Focus on children who have birthdays
September 2 - December 2nd
- Grade Progression
TK → K → First
- Return to home school for Kindergarten
- TK is an ONGOING program and will continue to be in place until and unless legislation repeals the law creating it.



Benefits

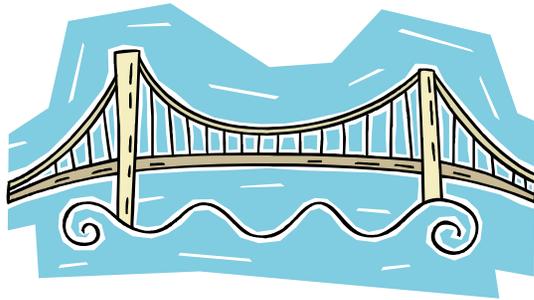
- Research shows that beginning kindergarten at an older age:
 - improves social, emotional and academic development
 - boosts test scores
 - increases the likelihood of entering college and earning higher wages
- Participation in Transitional Kindergarten may reduce rates of grade retention and special education placement.





Transitional Kindergarten Curriculum

Transitional Kindergarten is
A Bridge from Pre-School to Kindergarten

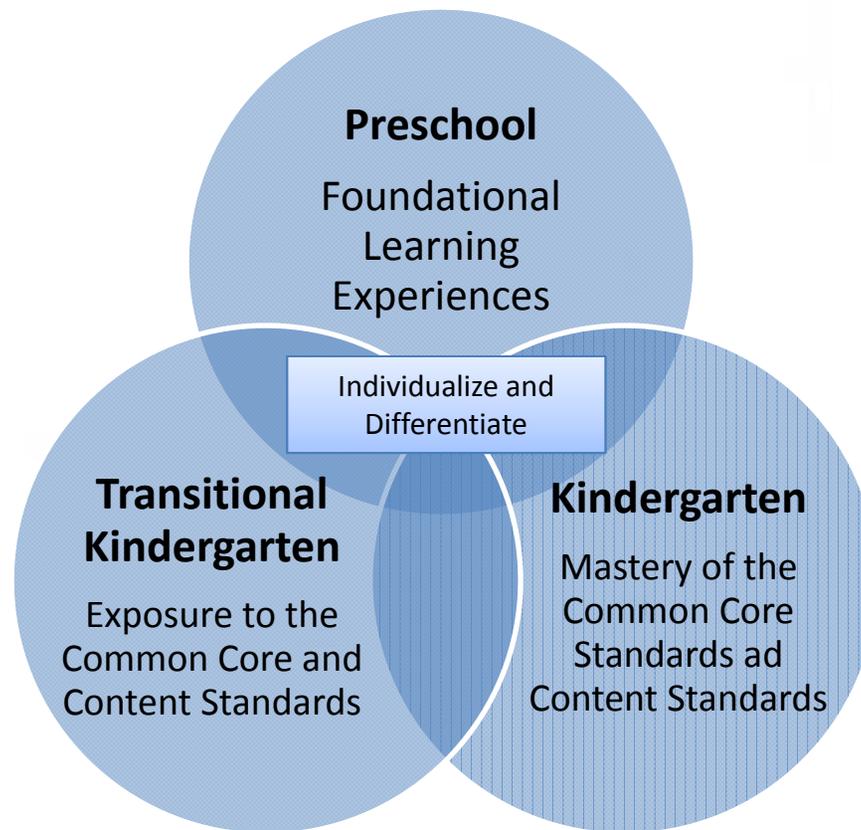
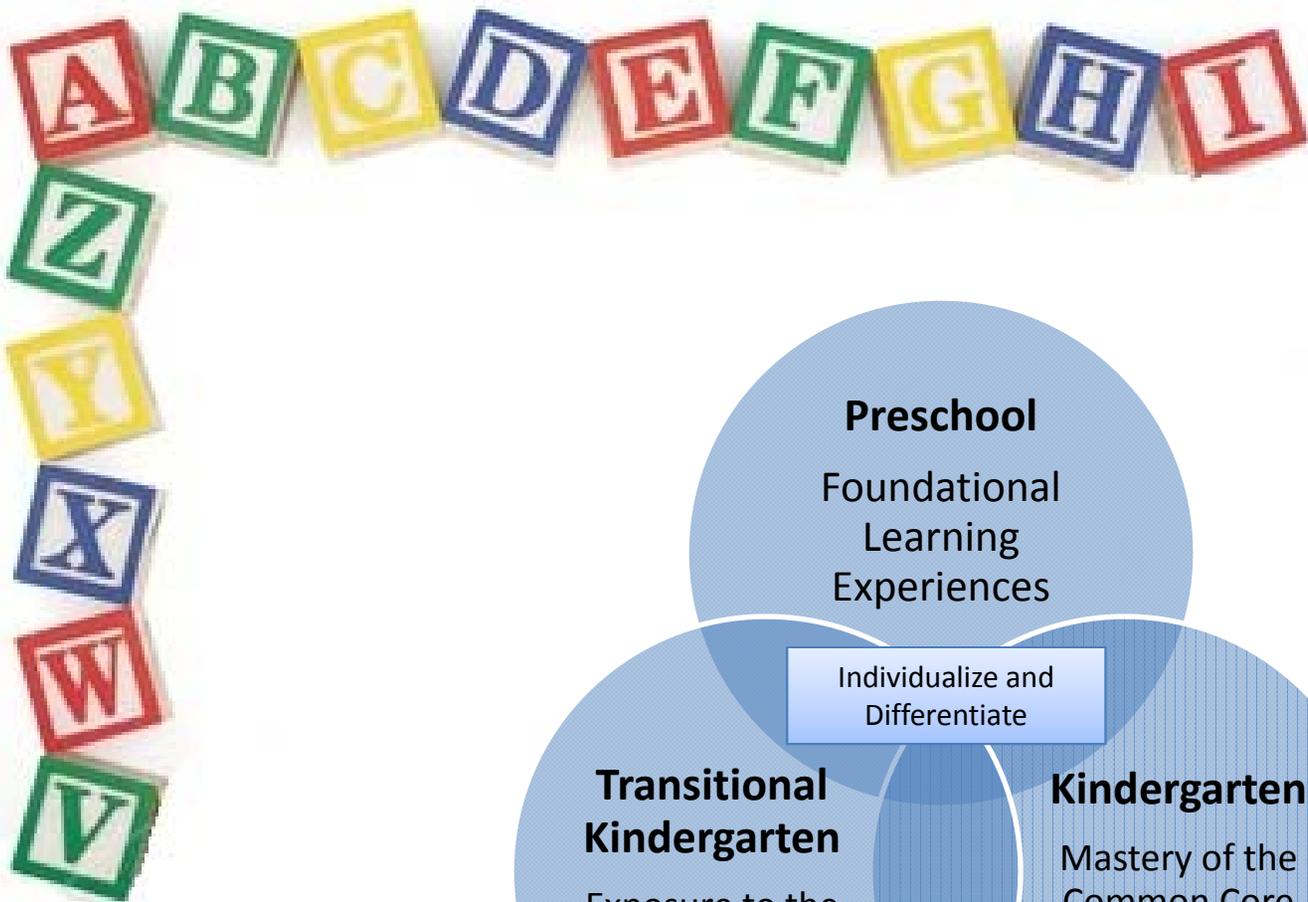




How is TK different from Kindergarten?

- A Bridge from Pre-School to Kindergarten
 - Does not replace Kindergarten
 - Better prepares students for Kindergarten program
- Age and Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum
- Use of Pre-School Foundations AND Common Core Kindergarten Standards
- Emphasis on Parent Involvement







The Foundations

- Social and Emotional Development
 - Self Awareness, Social Interactions, Relationships and Self Regulation
- Language and Literacy
 - Listening and Speaking, Reading and Writing Readiness
- Mathematics
 - Number Sense, Classification and Patterning, Measurement, Geometry, Math Reasoning





The curriculum includes experiences in....

Self Regulation:

Second Step Pre-K Program

- Social and Emotional Readiness
- Self-Regulation Skills
- Social Understanding and Awareness
- Initiative in Learning
- Perseverance in Problem Solving





The curriculum includes experiences in....

Language Arts:

Scholastic “Big Day” is the curriculum adoption for TK

- Children see themselves as readers and writers
- Story Awareness, Language Awareness, Print Concepts, Using their names

Early listening and speaking opportunity focused on vocabulary and grammar build a foundation for kindergarten standards related to comprehension and collaboration

- Rich writing experiences





The curriculum includes experiences in....

Mathematics

McGraw-Hill My Math is the curriculum adoption for TK. Hands-on exploration is the major focus using materials that emphasize conceptual thinking and discovery...

- Number Sense
- Patterning & Comparison
- Mathematical Reasoning





The curriculum includes experiences in....

Large Motor Development

- Physical Education
- Playground
- Learning Through Movement

Small Motor Development

- “Handwriting Without Tears”
- Scissor Skills
- Art – in a variety of Media

Science and Social Studies
Integrated through Language Arts



TK Report Card Includes:

- Social and Emotional Development
- Speaking and Listening
- Foundational Skills
- Phonological Awareness
- Reading
- Writing
- Motor Skills
- Mathematics





Transitional Kindergarten

- TK classes are available at three CVUSD Sites and serve ALL district TK children
 - Stanton Elementary – serving Stanton, Chabot
 - Morning Only
 - Castro Valley Elementary – serving CVE, Proctor, Marshall
 - Morning Only
 - Independent – serving Independent, Jensen Ranch, Palomares, Vannoy
 - Morning & Afternoon



Transitional Kindergarten

- The school day is the same as the traditional kindergarten day:
 - 200 minutes per day
 - AM schedule or PM schedule
- The TK classes are taught by credentialed teachers who understand child development and the articulation of skills for success.



Transitional Kindergarten

- Staggered Start/End Times with K/5 Programs
 - 8:20 or 8:25 – 11:40 or 11:45
 - 11:45 or 11:50 – 3:05 or 3:10
- Transportation from Home School Not Provided
- Extended Day (Before/After School) Programs
 - CVE –YMCA (on-site) & Others
 - Stanton –Kids Care Plus (on-site) & Others
 - Independent – Adventure Time (on-site) & Others
 - Contact Schools for More Information & Costs

Timeline for Enrollment and Registration

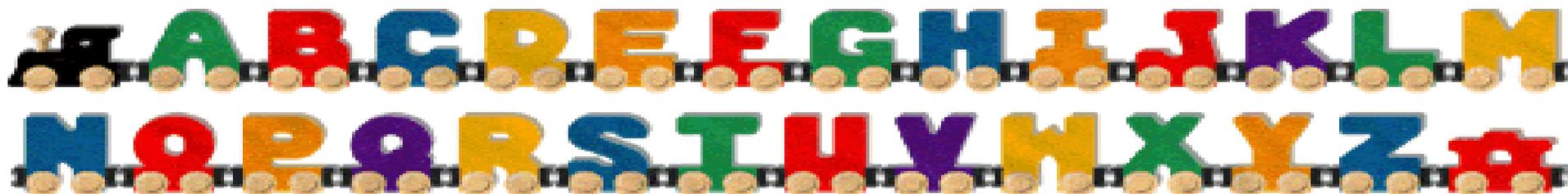
Enrollment will be at your home school.

February 22-29 Sibling priority enrollment – TK & K

March 1 Enrollment for TK & K

May-June Parents contacted regarding space,
location and AM/PM assignment

Orientation TBD whether June or August



Next Steps

Your child is eligible, now what?

If your child's birthday falls on or between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2 and you are interested in the TK program, you may enroll at your home school site beginning March 1st and indicate your preference for a TK site and a.m./p.m.

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*If your child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday is before Sept. 2, your child is eligible for kindergarten. Priority sibling enrollment for kindergarten begins February 22<sup>nd</sup> at your home school site. General kindergarten enrollment begins March 1<sup>st</sup>, also at your home school site.*



# Enrollment Steps

- Go to CVUSD website at [www.cv.k12.ca.us](http://www.cv.k12.ca.us)
- Click on ENROLLMENT tab at top of screen
- Check CVUSD Street Directory to determine your child's home school of attendance
- Follow the steps to complete the enrollment paperwork and to collect the necessary documents (birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, etc.)
- Take the enrollment forms and documents to your child's home school of attendance to enroll, from February 22-29 for sibling priority enrollment (if your child has a sibling at a current TK site) or March 1 for all other students. That school will forward the information to the TK site.



# Common Questions

**What if my child is eligible for TK but I prefer s/he attend Kindergarten....or the reverse?**

*Enroll your child in the program that meets our enrollment age requirements. If you continue to have concerns after the first month of school, you may ask for an SST (Student Success Team) meeting to address your child's needs.*

**What if my child's birthday is after December 2?**

*Consider a preschool program for your child: CVUSD's State Preschool program or a private preschool in the community.*

**What if I don't want my child to go to TK?**

*TK is not required, but it is recommended. You may hold your child out until Kindergarten next year.*



# Testimonials

- "TK has provided our daughter with a wonderful learning environment filled with play, has given her time to develop in areas, and is preparing her to be a successful Kindergartener. She loves TK, we love her teachers, and she has grown enormously in confidence, maturity, and skills."
- "Our daughter is really enjoying school. She looks forward to going every day, and she always comes home with stories of what she did, or what she learned. She points out letters, everywhere she sees one, and she loves to use paper and pen to practice whenever she can."
- "In TK our child is becoming a secure, well-rounded person with a diverse group of friends. At the same time, he has matured, learned to print properly (for a 5-year old), and read more words; so she is not missing out on academic learning." 😊
- "It was the greatest experience ever. My son was able to express himself in ways I never knew about. Now he reads and spells wonderfully."





**Thank you for coming!**

**Contact Information/TK Sites:**

**Castro Valley Elementary**

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**Independent Elementary**

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Jim Kentris, Principal

**Stanton Elementary**

510-727-9192

Robin Ormsby, Principal