

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)

Transitional Kindergarten is a new grade added to elementary schools for four year olds. There is no income requirement to enroll in a transitional kindergarten class, just an age requirement. Each school district has its own hours, enrollment, and options for TK. Please reach out directly to your school district to learn more information about options.



ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES

- All Alameda County School District Websites and Phone Numbers via First 5 Alameda Resource Directory:
www.alamedakids.org/resource-directory/search-resource-directory.php?by=schooldistricts

If you have any further questions, please call 4Cs Referral Line at (510) 244-0506.

FOR MORE CHILD CARE TIPS,
VISIT 4CS TIP SHEETS ONLINE:

www.4calameda.org/tipsheets



TK AGE REQUIREMENT

FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025	FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 AND BEYOND
Children who turn 5 between September 2, 2024 and June 2, 2025 (Child born between September 2, 2019 and June 2, 2020)	Children who turn 4 by September 1, 2025 (Child born between September 2, 2020 and August 30, 2021)

TK GENERAL INFORMATION

- Transitional Kindergarten is not required, it is optional.
- **Class Size:** Currently, each classroom has a maximum of 24 children with two adults, for 12:1 child ratio. Starting in 2025-2026, each classroom will have a maximum of 20 children with two adults, 10:1 ratio.
- **Teacher qualifications:** Each classroom has two adults. One adult is a teacher who must have a credential; the other adult is an assistant.
- **Hours/Locations:** School districts choose to offer full day or half day at locations of their choice in the language of their choice. Please contact your local school district for up-to-date information.
- **Curriculum:** TK classrooms follow guidance provided by the CA Department of Education Preschool Learning Foundations, which is in the process of being updated.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE WHEN CONSIDERING TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Is my child eligible for TK programs in this school district?

Is the TK program full-day or part-day?

If it's part day, who will care for your child during the remainder of the school day?

- Are there other programs available like before and after school or another child care program?
- Do you have a plan in place for summer care?
- Do you qualify for child care payment assistance to cover your before and after school or summer care needs?

What school site locations is TK available in your school district?

Do the TK teachers speak the same language as you speak at home?

What supports are there for children with special needs?

How do teachers support children who are not potty-trained?

What does the curriculum look like in a TK classroom?

Can you visit a TK classroom and/or talk to a TK teacher?

LIST & MAP OF ALAMEDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- [Alameda Unified School District](#)
- [Albany Unified School District](#)
- [Berkeley Unified School District](#)
- [Castro Valley Unified School District](#)
- [Dublin Unified School District](#)
- [Emery Unified School District](#)
- [Fremont Unified School District](#)
- [Hayward Unified School District](#)
- [Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District](#)
- [Mountain House Elementary School District](#)
- [New Haven Unified School District](#)
- [Newark Unified School District](#)
- [Oakland Unified School District](#)
- [Piedmont Unified School District](#)
- [Pleasanton Unified School District](#)
- [San Leandro Unified School District](#)
- [San Lorenzo Unified School District](#)
- [Sunol Glen Unified School District](#)

