

## Transitional Kindergarten Registration Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Transitional Kindergarten?**

California law (EC 48000) defines Transitional Kindergarten as “the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program that uses a modified Kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate” (EC 48000[c]).

### **What is the minimum age for admittance to Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten?**

A child is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten if his or her fifth birthday occurs between September 2 and December 2. A child is eligible for Kindergarten if his or her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs on or before September 1. (EC 48000[a])

### **Must children attend Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten?**

School districts must offer Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs for all children eligible to attend. Parents and guardians are currently not required to enroll children in Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten (EC 48200). Parents/guardians who choose not to enroll their students in the Transitional Kindergarten program will wait until the following year to enroll their child in Kindergarten.

### **How do I know what district school my child will attend?**

A child’s School of Residence is based on the address at which s/he resides. If you are unsure which school is your child’s School of Residence, for Attendance Boundary Information, view the Street Listing on the District website [www.rossvalleyschools.org/about/boundaries](http://www.rossvalleyschools.org/about/boundaries) or contact a District school:

Campus	Administrative Assistant	Contact Number	Email
Brookside	Heather Levi	415-453-2948	<a href="mailto:hlevi@rossvalleyschools.org">hlevi@rossvalleyschools.org</a>
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Manor	Maridith Woodward	415-453-1544	<a href="mailto:mwoodward@rossvalleyschools.org">mwoodward@rossvalleyschools.org</a>
Wade Thomas	Marlana Kenilvort	415-454-4603	<a href="mailto:mkenilvort@rossvalleyschools.org">mkenilvort@rossvalleyschools.org</a>

You may also contact Marci Trahan, Assistant Superintendent, at 415-451-4064 or [mtrahan@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:mtrahan@rossvalleyschools.org).

### **Is there a Transitional Kindergarten class at each elementary school?**

Currently, all TK students attend Brookside for TK and then attend their school of residence for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. The Transitional Kindergarten program is under development for next school year as we do not yet know how many students will register. The number of classes, class configurations (e.g. straight TK or TK/K combination classes), and location/s of the TK program will depend on the number of students who register in each residence area. Returning completed forms to your District School of Residence will give us a way to contact you as we determine the program configuration.

### **How do I get Registration information?**

To learn more about new student registration, please check out our district website at [www.rossvalleyschools.org](http://www.rossvalleyschools.org), click on New Student Registration, and then click on the school year you are interested in.

### **When does Transitional Kindergarten Registration begin?**

Parents/guardians can begin the online portion of registration on SchoolMint beginning Friday, January 25, 2019 and can return completed Transitional Kindergarten Registration forms to their District School of Residence in the office beginning Monday, February 4, 2019. School offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm (except non-student days). We encourage you to return your completed registration forms as soon as possible so we can plan for the number of classes needed in the 2019-20 school year.

### **How can I learn more about Transitional Kindergarten?**

Please attend the TK Preview Night that will be held in the Brookside School Library on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm (an adult-only event). For questions, please contact Marci Trahan, Assistant Superintendent, at 415-451-4064 or [mtrahan@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:mtrahan@rossvalleyschools.org).