

Transitional Kindergarten

Families with children who turn five between
September 1st and December 2nd have a new choice for kindergarten.

Kindergarten begins an exciting new chapter in the lives of children and their families and sets the tone for children's social and academic future. With the increasingly academic nature of Kindergarten, some parents are finding that their children are not quite ready for the pace and rigor of the Kindergarten program. These children quite often have a fall birthday.

To accommodate the needs of these younger students, a Transitional Kindergarten program will be offered for the 2012-2013 school year at Suburu School. This is a two-year program for younger kindergarten-age children who could benefit from the extra time and focused curriculum.

The Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010, SB1381, changes the kindergarten entry date from December 2 to September 1. Beginning in 2012, SB 1381 moves up kindergarten entry date by one month per year through 2014, although school districts may immediately start offering TK to all children who turn five between September 1 and December 2.

Transitional Kindergarten provides:

- A strong foundation for learning, which will benefit the students throughout their education.
- A focus on language, pre-literacy and early math instruction.
- The development of social and emotional skills crucial for school success.
- Highly-qualified teachers using developmentally appropriate curriculum.
- The opportunity to access the rigorous California kindergarten standards over a two-year period.

Transitional Kindergarten is a full day program that follows the schedule of traditional Kindergarten. Enrollment in Transitional Kindergarten is voluntary. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent. Parents who are interested in this program for their child may complete an application form, which is available at Suburu School or Lakeside School.

A short Transitional Kindergarten Public Services Announcement may be accessed by clicking on the following links:

English version:

<http://ketn.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=7e02482e15dd411fc8020eed90d5041e>

Spanish version:

<http://ketn.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=d1c9165bf8a03926dd340920e0f176cf>

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