

Transitional Kindergarten

Transitional Kindergarten is only for students who are 4 years old who will turn 5 between September 2 and December 2 of the current school year. If a student turns 5 after December 2 the child is not eligible for enrollment for the current school year. All immunization requirements of Kindergarten apply to TK students.

In order to begin a TK program the following must occur:

1. The local school board must approve the TK program.
2. An application must be completed and turned into the Office of Education for approval by April 30.
3. If TK students are placed with K students the classroom will then be a multi-grade room and education code C17-132 applies.
 - 13 students or less – no aide time is necessary
 - 14 – 18 students – for every student over an enrollment of 13, one hour of aide time is necessary.
 - 18 students is maximum number for a TK-K classroom.
4. A curriculum needs to be adopted for the TK grade. Here are some suggestions:
 - Core Knowledge www.coreknowledge.org/about-the-curriculum
 - Creative Curriculum www.teachingstrategies.com
 - High Reach www.highreach.com
 - High Scope www.secure.highscope.org/Content.asp?ContentID=63
 - Learn Every Day www.learneverydayabout.com

To find a review of each curriculum do the following:

1. google creative curriculum Columbia union
2. scroll down to ECEC Curriculum Review_9-13.docx

Kindergarten Entrance

The age requirement for a Kindergarten student is 5 on or before September 1. If a child's birthday is after September 1 and before December 2, then the student is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten.

Acceleration for TK

On rare occasions a child may be eligible for acceleration into first grade. If a parent wants to accelerate their child who has excelled in TK the following process is to be followed:

1. An application for acceleration is turned into the Office of Education no later than April 30.
2. An assessment will be given to gauge the developmental age of the child to determine if acceleration is beneficial and recommended.