

DJUSD Universal Transitional Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education Update

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Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) and its Impact

Definition

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten to develop a strong foundation for school success in a developmentally appropriate learning environment.

Impacts

- Literacy and Mathematics gains for entering kindergarten
- Gains for all student groups, particularly EL and SED
- Advantages in letter and word identification
- Kindergarten readiness and engagement



Background and Context

2010: Kindergarten Readiness Act: Launched Transitional Kindergarten in California

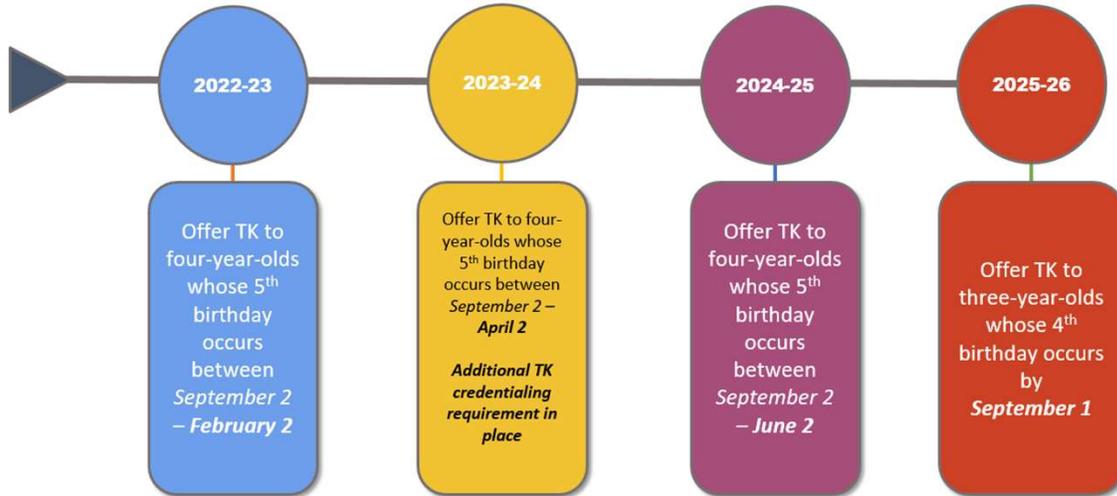
2019: Governor announces Early Education as a state priority

2020: CDE launches P-3 alignment and elevates roles of early intervention services

2021: AB 130 initiates Universal TK Expansion (5 year roll-out)



Age Eligibility



Program Details

- Staff/Student ratios of 1:12 (1:10 in future years)
- Teacher Credentialing requirements
- 180 minute minimum program
- Allows for enrollment in other preschool programs (Head Start, CSPP, DKK, Catalyst, etc.)
- Curriculum alignment with “CA Preschool Learning Foundations”
- Special Education / English Learner Services



Implementation Template

California Department of Education “Opportunities for All Branch”

- Projected Enrollment and Needs Assessment
- Planning Focus Areas
 - Vision and Coherence
 - Community Engagement and Partnerships
 - Workforce Recruitment and Professional Learning
 - Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
 - Facilities, Services, and Operations
- Plan adoption by June 30, 2022



Projected Enrollment and Classroom Need

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Enrollment	63	97*	128*	163*	216*
Classrooms	3	4-5	5-6	7-8	9-10

*Projected Enrollment

Note: LEA’s may enroll students earlier than eligibility dates, however do not receive ADA funding until student turns 5 years old



Facilities/Classrooms

Potential Classroom Needs: Current Kindergarten and TK Configuration

- 2021-22 = 21 classrooms
- 2022-23 = 21 classrooms
- 2023-24 = 22 classrooms
- 2024-25 = 23 classrooms
- 2025-26 = 23 classrooms

Variables Impacting Facilities Needs:

- Half day or extended day TK
- Half day or extended day Kindergarten
- Enrollment
- Classroom conversions



Initial Planning

- YCOE Planning Consortium
- Plan for 1-2 additional classrooms 2022-23
- Program promotion and advertising
- District Implementation Team



Preparation for Implementation

- Professional Development
- Curriculum development and alignment
- Teacher recruitment and hiring
- Calibrate certification standards
- Early Learning Environment standards
- Broad community outreach



Early Learning Environments



- Block Center
- Dramatic Play
- Math Center & Manipulatives
- Library, Relaxation & Listening
- Writing & Language
- Art Center
- Science & Sensory
- Large & Small Group Instruction



Community/Partner Engagement

DJUSD Early Childhood Staff	Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC)	Early Education agencies (county, state)
Migrant Center	DJUSD All Advisories	City of Davis
DJUSD Spanish-speaking Network	Native Families Committee	DTA/CSEA
DJUSD Foster Liaison	DELAC	SPED Advisory
Parent Engagement Night/Sessions	Bridge	Web/Social/Constant Contact
Others...		



DJUSD Early Childhood Education Considerations

- Program Design
- Articulation of Early Grades
- Understanding and Supporting Community Needs
- Focus on Equity

