

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Students

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ADMISSIONS TO TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

SB 1381 amended Education Code 48000 to require district to establish a transitional kindergarten program to offer children whose admission is delayed due to the new minimum age requirement. The program shall assist children in developing the academic, motor, communication, and social-emotional skills they need to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. The number of instructional minutes will be the same as that required for the district's kindergarten program.

The transitional kindergarten program shall admit children whose fifth birthday falls after:

1. December 2 of the 2011-12 school year
2. November 1 of the 2012-13 school year
3. October 1 of the 2013-14 school year
4. September 1 of the 2014-15 school year

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2 may enroll in transitional kindergarten (Preppy K) prior to 2014-15.

When a parent/guardian makes a requests to admit a kindergarten-eligible child to kindergarten instead of transitional kindergarten (Preppy K), this request will be honored due to the phase-in stipulated in the law. There are two conditions for enrollment in transitional kindergarten.

1. When a kindergarten-eligible student is enrolled in transitional kindergarten (Preppy K), a parent/guardian must sign a continuance form consenting to the child's enrollment in kindergarten the following year. This form notifies parents that transitional kindergarten (Preppy K) is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. Students who complete the transitional kindergarten program continue to kindergarten the following school year.
2. Whenever a student is not kindergarten-eligible, a continuance form is not required. The student will be eligible to continue to kindergarten the following school year.

A student shall not attend more than two years in a combination of transitional kindergarten and kindergarten.

Admittance into a special education transitional kindergarten (Preppy K) special day class is contingent upon an IEP team decision and the age eligibility outlined above.

On a case by case basis, a child who reaches age five after the dates listed above for the applicable school year may be admitted to transitional kindergarten at any time during the school year. Placement in transitional kindergarten is contingent upon the approval of the child's parent/guardian and the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services or designee. Early entrance into transitional kindergarten will be dependent upon space availability.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 5111 Admissions

Legal Reference Educational Code Section 48000 Minimum Age of Admission

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