



## *What is Transitional Kindergarten?*

The Transitional Kindergarten Program (TK) offered by Rocklin Unified School District focuses on the social and developmental skills required for the academic demands of the Kindergarten program. The child-centered TK program includes activities and experiences which will encourage each child to:

- learn foundational academic skills
- develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills
- expand their knowledge of the world around them
- learn to recognize and handle their feelings appropriately
- develop positive and satisfying relationships
- learn through play

The Rocklin Unified School District TK program will prepare your child for the academic and social expectations of the formal school experience in a developmentally and age appropriate setting. We are pleased to offer this high quality experience for our youngest learners.

## *Why place my child in TK?*

Both research and experience show that children do well when placed in an appropriate program matched to their developmental stages. Placing children in a program before they are ready may damage their self esteem and overall feeling about learning. Giving children the foundational skills to support academic skills allows children to view their school experience as a positive one.



## *What are the advantages of Transitional Kindergarten?*

Transitional Kindergarten bridges the path between preschool and kindergarten and gives students a head start that will yield huge benefits in future academic success. TK provides the gift of time that will help students build a strong foundation for success in elementary school.

TK is a win-win-win for children, families and schools.

- Children are better prepared to succeed.
- Families have an additional option to ensure their children enter kindergarten with the maturity, confidence and skills they need to excel.
- Schools benefit because children will be better prepared to succeed academically upon entering kindergarten.
- TK will prepare students for success with California's rigorous academic standards.

## *Is my child eligible for Transitional Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year?*

Children born on September 2, 2015 and before December 3, 2015 are eligible attend the TK program.



## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **What school will my child attend after completing a year of Transitional Kindergarten?**

Your child will return to the regular kindergarten program at your home school. Check the RUSD website ([www.rocklinusd.org](http://www.rocklinusd.org)) to determine your home school.

## *Frequently Asked Questions (con't)*

### **When does the TK program start?**

The TK program follows the same calendar as the other grade levels in Rocklin Unified School District. View the 2020-21 school calendar on the RUSD website ([www.rocklinusd.org](http://www.rocklinusd.org)).

### **When is the Transitional Kindergarten Parent Information Night?**

The TK Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Rocklin Unified School District office, 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive.

### **When does registration for TK begin?**

Online registration will be available beginning January 14, 2020 on the District website ([www.rocklinusd.org](http://www.rocklinusd.org)). Completed registration forms will be accepted at the January 21 Information Night. You may also turn in **TK** registration forms to the Rocklin Unified School District office at 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive beginning Wednesday, January 22. Office hours are 7:30-4:30.

### **How many classes of TK will be offered for the 2020-21 school year?**

The number of classes will be determined based upon enrollment.

### **Who do I contact if I have more questions about the program?**

If you have additional questions please contact Bill MacDonald, Director of Elementary Programs at 916-630-3187 or 916-624-2428.

