Parental Involvement and Communication

Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child’s education at the TK level. There are many ways this can be achieved:

- Establish a routine at home and check homework daily.
- Read to and with your child.
- Ask your child open-ended questions about their day.
- Attend Back to School Night, parent-teacher conferences, Open House and other special events.
- Email or call the teacher with questions, concerns or celebrations.
- Read classroom and school newsletters, and check the website regularly.
- Volunteer in the classroom with centers, projects, events, activities, or other needs the teacher requests.
- Find out what your school’s parent organization is, attend the meetings and fill positions if you are interested.

REGISTRATION
◊ A child is eligible for TK if his/her birthday falls between September 2nd and December 2nd.
◊ TK enrollment begins 2/2/2016.
◊ Grades 1-12 enrollment begins 2/10/2016.

For the 2016-2017 school year, TK is offered at the following sites:
Full School Day TK:
Cameron Ranch
Pasadena
Thomas Edison Language Institute
Thomas Kelly
Modified TK: (4 hours+ w/no lunch):
Del Dayo
Skycrest
TK: (3 hours, 20 minutes w/no lunch):
Arlington Heights
Carmichael
Cottage Montessori
Coyle Avenue
Howe Avenue
Earl LeGette
Oakview
Ottomon
Twin Lakes
Whitney

SJC Hours of Operation
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 AM—4:30 PM
Thursday
11:00 AM—6:00 PM
See website for select Saturday openings.
Please arrive no later than 45 minutes before closing to allow for paperwork processing.
What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a two year kindergarten program designed to bridge preschool and kindergarten. Due to a recent California state law, TK has been authorized to serve students with a birth date that falls between the first three months after the cut-off date for kindergarten enrollment.

Students who turn five years old on or between September 2nd and December 2nd may enroll in TK.

Starting kindergarten is a very exciting time for children and their families. However, for children who are young, or who lack preschool experience, this time can be challenging. The benefits of an extra year in kindergarten, with TK as the beginning experience, can have a profound effect on the child’s future ability to succeed in an academic environment.

Preschool or TK?

Providing options for families is a priority in San Juan USD. For families who are income eligible with children in the TK age range (September 2nd to December 2nd), parents have the option of choosing either Preschool or TK. Below is a list of features of both programs we hope will provide assistance as options are considered:

PS: **Class size is based on state licensing requirements and does not exceed an 8:1 adult/child ratio.**

TK: **Class size is the same as kindergarten at the school, 26:1.**

PS: **Income eligible families can apply for Head Start or State Preschool (free programs). Fee based programs are also available in Carmichael and Gold River. Contact the Early Childhood Education department at 916-979-8760 and go to the San Juan website at [www.sanjuan.edu](http://www.sanjuan.edu) for more information.**

TK: There are no qualifying requirements other than age of the student.

PS: **The school day is 3 hours, either AM or PM, for most classes. The Early Learning Academy fee-based preschool program offers a full day program from 7 AM to 6 PM. Discovery Club is not available.**

TK: The schedule varies. See back panel for details. Discovery Club, if on site, is an option.

PS: **The instructional program is based on the California Preschool Learning Foundations.**

TK: The instructional program is a blend of the California Preschool Learning Foundations and the Common Core State Standards.

PS: **The program is developmentally based and emphasizes social/emotional, physical, and language development, as well as literacy/numeracy skills.**

TK: The program is balanced, similar to preschool, and slightly more academic in nature.

Transitional Kindergarten Highlights:

* Offered to students residing in SJUSD who meet the age requirement
* Students return to their home school once TK is complete
* Taught by a credentialed teacher
* Prepares students for success in the state adopted kindergarten curriculum and standards following the TK experience
* Extended day parent-paid program (Discovery Club) offered at some sites
* Same calendar as K-12
* Opportunities to utilize computer lab, art room and library regularly
* Will attend and participate in developmentally appropriate school sponsored assemblies, activities and field trips
* The first year of a two year program during which children are not accelerated or retained to a different grade