



Transitional Kindergarten FAQs

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What is transitional kindergarten?

Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. Pursuant to law, (Education Code section 48000[c]), children are eligible for transitional kindergarten if

- In 2022–23, they turn 5 years old between September 2 and February 2,
- In 2023–24, they turn 5 between September 2 and April 2,
- In 2024–25, they turn 5 between September 2 and June 2,
- In 2025–26, School Districts are required to make TK available to all children who will have their fourth birthday by September 1 of the school year.

Additional information available at [Universal Prekindergarten FAQs - Elementary \(CA Dept of Education\)](#).

Should students who are 4 years old receive their Kindergarten booster vaccines?

Yes. Under [California's kindergarten immunization requirements](#), even four-year-old children need their kindergarten immunizations before the first day of transitional kindergarten where they could potentially be exposed to vaccine-preventable diseases. The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, American Academy of Pediatrics, and American Academy Family Physicians recommend kindergarten immunizations starting as young as four years of age. (See [CDC's Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#) for more details.)

Are students in transitional kindergarten subject to the Kindergarten immunization requirements?

Yes. They must have documentation of required immunizations or a valid exemption before admission to transitional kindergarten.