



# Dow's Prairie Transitional Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions



1. What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)? TK is a planned two year kindergarten program. It is designed for students who will turn five between September 2nd and December 2nd.
2. Is the TK school day the same as Kindergarten? Yes. All students attending Dow's Prairie start and end at the same time. The design of the day and the activities taught change by grade level, but the length of the day is the same. TK students have recess and lunch with the kindergarten students.
3. What options are available at Dow's Prairie for TK students? TK aged students are enrolled in the TK only class **OR** in a TK-K combination class. Placement is determined by results of the TK/K screening assessments, teacher recommendation, and parent input.
4. What is the focus of the TK only class? Dow's Prairie offers a TK only class where the instruction is tailored for the TK aged student. This class focuses on social-emotional development, behavioral learning, and pre-academic skills in a nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment.
5. Can my TK aged student be promoted to 1st grade for the next school year? Most all of our TK students will complete Kindergarten the following year. We look at each student's progress in academics, social-emotional and behavioral development to determine appropriate placement. Acceleration to 1st grade is completed through a Student Study Team Meeting process.
6. What if my child is born after December 2nd? Students born after December 2nd are outside the age of TK eligibility. On a case by case basis, there is district policy that allows early admittance to school. A number of factors are considered when determining early admittance. Please contact the Dow's Prairie principal to have your specific questions answered.