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The Governing Board desires to offer a high-quality transitional kindergarten program for eligible children who do not yet meet the minimum age criterion for kindergarten. The program shall assist children in developing the academic, social, and emotional skills they need to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

The district's transitional kindergarten shall be the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. (Education Code [48000](#))

The Governing Board encourages ongoing collaboration among district preschool staff, other preschool providers, elementary teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians in program development, implementation, and evaluation.

(cf. [0420](#) - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

Eligibility

The district's transitional kindergarten program shall admit children whose fifth birthday lies between September 2 and December 2 in the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter. (Education Code [48000](#))

The district may, at any time during the school year, admit into the TK program a child whose fifth birthday is December 3 through January 31 of that same school year, provided that the Superintendent recommends that enrollment in a TK program is in the child's best interest. Prior to such enrollment, the child's parents/guardians shall be provided information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of early admittance. (Education Code [48000](#))

Parents/guardians of eligible children shall be notified of the availability of this program and the age, residency, and any other enrollment requirements. Enrollment in the transitional kindergarten program shall be voluntary.

(cf. [5111](#) - Admission)

(cf. [5111.1](#) - District Residency)

(cf. [5111.12](#) - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)

(cf. [5111.13](#) - Residency for Homeless Children)

(cf. [5141.22](#) - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. [5141.3](#) - Health Examinations)

(cf. [5141.31](#) - Immunizations)

(cf. [5141.32](#) - Health Screening for School Entry)

Curriculum and Instruction

The district's transitional kindergarten program shall be based on a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. (Education Code [48000](#))

(cf. [6141](#) - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. [6161.1](#) - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

Upon recommendation by the Superintendent, the Governing Board shall approve academic standards for transitional kindergarten that bridge preschool learning foundations and kindergarten standards. Such standards shall be designed to facilitate students' development in essential skills which may include, as appropriate, language and literacy,

mathematics, physical development, the arts, science, social sciences, English language development, and social-emotional development.
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)