

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and Kindergarten for children turning 5 years old between September and December. It gives young learners a head start and provides them with an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs.

Transitional Kindergarten:

- Is part of the public school system and is free for families.
- Uses a unique, specialized curriculum that is based on the Kindergarten standards and is designed to support young 5 year olds.
- Is taught by credentialed teachers with training to teach young Kindergarteners.

What Happens in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom?

In transitional Kindergarten, teachers help children develop social skills through activities that build confidence and communication. They also expose children to reading and math in an exciting, interactive way by using educational games to teach children about words and sentences and help them understand mathematical concepts like counting and patterns.

Redding School District's Transitional Kindergarten will offer:



- **Classroom facility and teacher:** Transitional Kindergartener classes will be located on all Redding School District School Sites.
- **Length of school day:** Students will attend school every day for the same times as the traditional kindergarten students.
- **Curriculum and learning:** Students learn important new skills that build on what they may have learned in preschool and help them adjust to the elementary school environment.
- **Learning environment:** Students learn by working with the teacher in small and large groups and also have opportunities for independent exploration.

Who Attends Transitional Kindergarten?

A new law was recently passed in California to change the age when children can begin Kindergarten. Eventually, all children who are not 5 by September 1 will attend a two year transitional Kindergarten program.

Redding School District Schools will consider accepting students on their 5th birthday from December 2 to March 1 on a case by case basis as room allows.

The child entering will be:	Class Placement
5 years by September 1	Kindergarten
5 years between September 1 and December 1	Transitional Kindergarten