



## Paradise Unified School District

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### Full Day Transitional Kindergarten Program

For children who turn five between  
September 2 and December 2 (inclusive)

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#### **PUSD Mission Statement**

The mission of Paradise Unified School District, as the educational leader of the community, is to graduate knowledgeable, productive, responsible citizens who are motivated to continue learning and are able to function successfully—with integrity—in a complex, changing world.

## What is transitional kindergarten?

Transitional kindergarten was created by the 2010 California law called the Kindergarten Readiness Act. Transitional kindergarten (TK) is an exciting **full day** educational opportunity to prepare children for kindergarten. Paradise Unified uses a distinct TK curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

### California's New Kindergarten System: Preparing Children to Succeed



## What are the benefits of TK?

Transitional kindergarten bridges the path between preschool and kindergarten. TK gives the gift of time that will help them build a strong foundation for future school success. It blends social and emotional experience with academic learning, so that students not only learn essential pre-literacy, pre-math, and other cognitive skills, but also develop social and self-regulation skills needed to succeed in school and life. One out of every four kindergarten students in California can benefit from transitional kindergarten.

## How will the TK class help my child?

The TK program assists children:

- Develop a positive self-image.
- Establish productive social and working relationships with their peers through cooperative play situations.
- Develop self-direction and assume responsibility for themselves and their environments.
- Develop vocabulary, listening, speaking and memory skills, and the ability to follow directions.
- Develop large and small muscle skills.
- Develop overall readiness and enthusiasm for learning.

## PUSD Transitional Kindergarten Curriculum

- Art
- Choice Time (exploration)
- Dairy Council of CA Healthy Eating
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Music and Movement
- My Big World Magazine
- P.E.
- Raz-Kids
- Scholastic Guided Science Readers
- Scholastic Nonfiction Alphabet Reading
- Scholastic Nursery Rhyme Readers
- Second Step Social Emotional Program
- Starfall
- The Short Books
- Touch Math
- Zoo-phonics

## Top 5 Ways to Prepare Your Child for TK

- Read! Read! Read! Read to your child daily to build their vocabulary and prepare them for read-aloud activities in the classroom.
- Talk with your child about starting school and convey your excitement about all the wonderful things they will learn and the fun activities they will enjoy.
- Visit the school with your child and play on the playground so they are familiar, and more comfortable with, the school site.
- Play board games with your child so they can practice taking turns and following directions.
- Work with your child to practice opening and closing their lunch containers, using the bathroom and asking for help when needed.

