

Poway Unified School District
KINDERGARTEN/TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN
For School Year 2016-2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten in Poway Unified School District for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. As your student begins in our District, it is important to share information regarding Poway's Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten programs.

According to California Education Code 48000, if your child has his or her fifth birthday on or before September 1, 2016, he/she may enroll in Kindergarten. If your child has his/her fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2, 2016, he/she will be enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten. PUSD enrolls only students who meet the cutoff dates and does not enroll children who turn 5 after December 2 into Transitional Kindergarten. Transitional Kindergarten is the first of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

Kindergarten classes in PUSD meet for a full day, while TK classes meet for a half-day. Each of our elementary sites will determine arrival and dismissal times for both programs, and host a fee-based Extended Student Services (ESS) program for before and after school for care. Please contact your child's school if you have questions.

The following chart is helpful to determine enrollment in Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten.

Kindergarten	5 th birthday Dec. 3, 2015 to Sept. 1, 2016
Transitional Kindergarten (TK)	5 th birthday Sept. 2, 2016 to Dec. 2, 2016
Kindergarten OR Transitional Kindergarten (space available, first-come/first-served – must place student name on PUSD TK Interest List)	5 th birthday June 1, 2016 to Sept. 1, 2016

Each elementary school will host its own Kindergarten/TK information event this spring. Kindergarten/TK enrollment occurs the second week of May at our elementary school sites. Specific information will be listed in April on the District website at www.powayusd.com, or on your school's website.

Should you have any questions or need clarification, please contact your school office.

Sincerely,



Cindy De Clercq
Executive Director



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Executive Director