



SIERRA SANDS

Unified School District

Engaging All Learners

Grade Level Birthdate Placement Criteria 2024-2025

Minimum age requirement for Kindergarten:

Children will be admitted into Kindergarten if they have their 5th birthday on or before September 1, 2024.

Children turning 5 years old between September 2, 2024, and June 2, 2025, will be admitted to Transitional Kindergarten.

| Birthdate Criteria | Grade Level |
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| 09/02/19 - 06/02/20 | Transitional Kindergarten/Pre Kindergarten |
| 09/02/18 - 09/01/19 | Kindergarten |
| 09/02/17 - 09/01/18 | 1 |
| 09/02/16 - 09/01/17 | 2 |
| 09/02/15 - 09/01/16 | 3 |
| 09/02/14 - 09/01/15 | 4 |
| 09/02/13 - 09/01/14 | 5 |
| 09/02/12 - 09/01/13 | 6 |
| 09/02/11 - 09/01/12 | 7 |
| 10/02/10 - 09/01/11 | 8 |
| 11/02/09 - 10/01/10 | 9 |
| 12/02/08 - 11/01/09 | 10 |
| 12/02/07 - 12/01/08 | 11 |
| 12/02/06 - 12/01/07 | 12 |

Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

I am unsure what grade my student is to be enrolled in. How do I know what grade level they are to be placed?

The criteria used to determine grade level is the student's date of birth.

What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or Pre Kindergarten (PK)?

Transitional Kindergarten is a pre-kindergarten program designed to build a bridge between early learning and Kindergarten. The California Kindergarten Readiness Act established a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program for children who miss the September 1st fifth birthdate cutoff to enroll in kindergarten. Students in the TK Program complete a full year in TK, and then a full year in regular Kindergarten before moving on to 1st grade.

Are students required to enroll in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or Kindergarten?

No. 1st grade is the first mandatory grade in California. Since school is mandatory for six-year-old students, parents and guardians must enroll their children in school once they reach the age of six. For first grade enrollment, California law requires a child to be six-years old on or before September 1 to be legally eligible for first grade. (EC Section 48010).

Is TK/PK required in order to enroll in Kindergarten or 1st grade?

No. TK/PK is an optional program and is not required in order to enroll in Kindergarten or 1st grade.

Are TK/PK students subject to the Kindergarten immunization requirements?

Yes. TK/PK students must have documentation of required immunizations or a valid exemption prior to admission to TK/PK. TK/PK students must meet [TK/Kindergarten immunization requirements](#) before admission to the first year of the TK/PK program.

What are the TK/PK school schedules?

TK/PK school schedules are the same as Kindergarten. Sierra Sands Elementary Schools have varying start/end times. Please refer to the student's zoned school to determine school start/end times.

TK/PK-12th grade Immunization Requirement Information:

[Shots For School Website](#)

[Shots For School Website Spanish](#)

Immunization Requirements:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td) — 5 doses (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday. 3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday.)
For 7th-12th graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday.
- Polio (OPV or IPV) — 4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Hepatitis B — 3 doses (not required for 7th grade entry)
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) — 2 doses (Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses

Immunization requirements also apply to students entering Transitional Kindergarten/Pre Kindergarten.

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.