



## 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
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 first criteria used to determine grade level is the student's date of birth. Other criteria may also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **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.