



## Important Update regarding Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Effective immediately, SFUSD will not be offering Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for the 2012-2013 school year. Only students turning 5 years old on or before Nov. 1 will be eligible for Kindergarten entry for the 2012-2013 school year.

In the Governor's proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year, school districts would not receive any funding for Transitional Kindergarten and the state would not mandate districts to offer it. Given that SFUSD cannot afford to offer Transitional Kindergarten if it is not funded by the state, SFUSD will not plan to offer Transitional Kindergarten for the upcoming school year.

While the California Department of Education continues to provide updates and the situation may change over the course of the next several months, SFUSD is moving forward on the assumption that there will be insufficient funding to offer Transitional Kindergarten in the 2012-2013 budget. SFUSD is providing this notification so that families who were interested in TK can take action to make alternative arrangements for their children for the 2012-2013 school year.

## Frequently Asked Questions

***The Governor's budget is just a proposal. What if the legislature still decides to mandate and/or fund Transitional Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year?***

SFUSD will not plan to offer Transitional Kindergarten (TK) unless it is state mandated. The legislature is required by law to adopt its budget by July 1 each year though in some recent years the state budget has been passed later than this. Transitional K will affect Kindergarten spaces throughout the district and cannot be accommodated with such late notice. Additionally, families need to plan for their child's educational setting months in advance. If it is state mandated, SFUSD will offer Transitional Kindergarten spots at two Early Education schools in 2012-2013: Havard and McLaren Early Education Schools.

***I am a parent who had planned on sending my child to an SFUSD Transitional K program. What do I do now?***

If your child is in preschool, ensure your provider can maintain a space for your child. If your child is not enrolled in a SFUSD Early Education Department school (EED school) and is no longer eligible to continue in his or her current program, you may find out more information about eligibility for SFUSD EED placements by contacting Melissa Luc at (415) 750-8500.

***What is Transitional Kindergarten?***

Transitional Kindergarten is an early childhood education program that builds a bridge between preschool years and traditional Kindergarten. Transitional Kindergarten is designed for students who will turn 5 years old between November 2 and December 2 of the 2012-13 school year.