

Frequently Asked Questions

Why apply for Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is intended to reduce opportunity gaps and help ensure that students have access to an early learning experience. Our goal is to provide high quality educational experiences that empower students and families as they enter Peninsula School District.

What does a day in Transitional Kindergarten look like?

Transitional Kindergarten students will follow the same bell schedule as K-5 students. It will be a day full of purposeful play and learning experiences which will focus on essential academics, social-emotional skills, and learning habits. The TK environment strategically uses play along with classroom organization and learning centers to prepare children for their futures. Transitional Kindergarten students will have access to district transportation and specialist classes (music, PE, STEM).

When does Transitional Kindergarten start and end?

This 6 month program will begin January 6th and finish on June 21st. Transitional Kindergarten will follow the Peninsula School District calendar and breaks. Family Connection Meetings will take place in January before the first day of school (January 3rd, 4th, and 5th).

Will transportation be provided?

Yes! Transportation will be provided for our Transitional Kindergarten students.

Who is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten?

Children eligible for screening must:

- Not be currently enrolled in an early learning program
- Be 5 years old between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022
- Live within the boundaries of Peninsula School District
- Demonstrate financial, academic, and/or social-emotional needs

What is the application process?

The online [interest survey](#) will be posted on October 7th, 2021. After the survey is completed, you will receive a follow-up phone call to schedule a screening (if your child is eligible). Students will be identified based on need (financial, academic, and/or social-emotional) and space availability.

What is the screening process like?

During the 15-minute screening, we will get to know your child's developmental strengths and needs through drawing, counting, playing, and having fun! Immediately following the screening, there will be a family meeting to talk about the results, share information about your child's development, and ask questions.

When/How will I find out if my child is accepted into Transitional Kindergarten?

After the screening process and family meeting, you will be notified whether or not your child has been identified for Transitional Kindergarten by December 6th, 2021. Once accepted; please notify the team by December 13th if your child will be attending. Families who do not respond by December 13th may lose their spot in the program.