



PRESCHOOL TO TK/K TRANSITION

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FOR STUDENTS WITH IEPs



Special Education Transition Night
December 12, 2023



**TRANSICIÓN DE
PREESCOLAR A
TK/K**

PARA ESTUDIANTES CON IEPS

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Para traducción al español, por favor, levante la mano para que podamos proporcionar auriculares.



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Let's hear from our students!





Transition Process

- An IEP is scheduled prior to the transition to TK or K.
- At the IEP meeting, the team will review the review of records/assessments and eligibility for special education.
- The purpose of this meeting is for the IEP team to review your child's progress and discuss what supports and services are needed for the 2024-2025 school year when they transition into **Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten.**





Transition Process

- IEP meeting discussion items include: **review of records/assessment results, present levels of performance, goals, accommodations, and services.**
- Two possible outcomes may occur:
 - If your child's services and needs require spending **less than 50%** of their school day in a special education classroom with a special education teacher as the Least Restrictive Environment, the IEP team will not name a specific elementary school for your child to attend.
 - If your child's services and needs require spending **more than 50%** of their school day in a special education classroom with a special education teacher as the Least Restrictive Environment, the IEP team will likely name a specialized program/special day class at a specific elementary school for your child to attend.



Special Education Continuum

Available at all
CVUSD Elementary
Schools

Available at 6 CVUSD
Elementary Schools

100% of the school day in
General Education

Residential Placement/
Non-Public School

<50 % of school day in
Special Education
(Learning Centers)

>50 % of school day in
Special Education
(Special Day Class)



Special Education Continuum

- Every CVUSD elementary school is staffed with:
 - Special Education Teacher
 - School Psychologist
 - Speech and Language Pathologist
 - Occupational Therapist
 - The level of staff varies on each campus dependent upon student needs on the campus.
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Specialized Program/Special Day Class

- If your child's services and needs require spending **more than 50%** of their school day in a special education setting with a special education teacher as the Least Restrictive Environment, the IEP team will name a specialized program at a specific elementary school for your child to attend.
 - Aspen
 - Banyan
 - Ladera
 - Madrona
 - Maple
 - Westlake Hills
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Specialized Programs - Elementary

- Language and Learning Specialized Program
- Autism Specialized Program
- Learning Essentials Academic (LEAP) Specialized Program
- Therapeutic Learning Center (TLC)

[CVUSD Special Education Programs](#)



How do I know if my child should enroll in TK or K?

Kindergarten

- For the 2024-2025 school year, a child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024. (DOB: September 1, 2019 or prior)

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Birthdates for 2024-2025

- **Eligible birthdates for TK are 9/2/2019 through 6/2/2020 for the 2024-2025 school year only.** (per EDC 48000 (c) (1) (F))

Dates will change again in 2025-2026

A child who will have their fifth birthday between July 1, 2024 and September 1, 2024 may be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program or a kindergarten program based on the choosing of the parent/guardian.



How do I enroll my child in TK or K?

- All TK students will register at their neighborhood school, the same as enrollment for Kindergarten, beginning Monday, January 29, 2024.
 - Current Be Me Preschool students are already pre-enrolled and should not complete the pre-enrollment process. Students' enrollment will automatically be moved up to their neighborhood school.
 - Parents can confirm with elementary school and will receive information prior to the start of school in August.
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CVUSD offers **Transitional Kindergarten** at 16 sites for the 2024-2025 School year:

- **Acacia Elementary**
 - **Aspen Elementary**
 - **Banyan Elementary**
 - **Conejo Elementary**
 - **Cypress Elementary**
 - **Glenwood Elementary**
 - **Ladera STARS Academy**
 - **Lang Ranch Elementary**
 - **Madrona Elementary**
 - **Maple Elementary**
 - **Sycamore Canyon**
 - **Walnut Elementary**
 - **Weathersfield Elementary**
 - **Westlake Elementary**
 - **Westlake Hills Elementary**
 - **Wildwood Elementary**
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School Choice

- A School Choice Application must be submitted if you want to enroll your student in TK or Kindergarten at a school other than your neighborhood school (Find your neighborhood school via our “School Locator” map).
 - CVUSD offers School Choice to all parents. Even though your student has an IEP, you have the right to participate in the School Choice process.
 - School Choice Applications can be submitted beginning November 1, 2023 and must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2024 for inclusion in the lottery.
 - If you do not wish to participate in School Choice, the default school of enrollment for your child is your neighborhood school.
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School Choice

- Recommendations made by the IEP team should not preclude any parent from applying for school choice.
 - Please do not refrain from participating in School Choice out of fear the IEP team will not agree.
 - If the IEP team names a school that is different than your school of choice that was approved, parents have the right to disagree with the IEP team's recommendation of services and placement and enroll their child in the approved school of choice. When a difference occurs, we will work with you through the IEP meeting process to resolve the difference.
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Frequently Asked Questions

If we have already submitted a school choice application should we still enroll in our home (neighborhood) school on Jan 29?

- Yes, the point of enrollment is still your neighborhood school, and they will send the file on to any school of choice upon acceptance. Be Me Preschool will “roll-up” your child’s enrollment to their school of residence (neighborhood school).

How can we complete School Choice if there has not yet been a school recommendation by the IEP team? If we wait for their recommendation, will we be able to choose that school, or will that be automatic?

- If there is a school of choice you are interested in, please complete that now. When the IEP team meets, the team will consider if your child's IEP needs can be met at the school, and if needed, will recommend placement at a specialized program as applicable to your child. If your child is recommended to a site for a specialized program, upon your written consent, they will be assigned to that school with no need for the school choice form.
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Frequently Asked Questions

If I want my child to attend a “special day class” (SDC) at Aspen, Banyan, Madrona, Maple, Ladera, or Westlake Hills, can I get that through School Choice?

- No. Placement into a “special day class” (SDC) requires an IEP team decision in an IEP meeting.

Is it beneficial for you to know what our school preference would be ahead of the IEP meeting?

- Please feel free to discuss your preference at the transition IEP meeting and/or with your student’s case manager.

How will the elementary school case manager know about my student’s individual needs?

- Your student’s current teacher/case manager will meet with the special education case managers at the elementary schools to review your student’s IEP after the transition IEP meeting. The case manager will share information on current levels of performance, services, learning styles, strategies, preferences, etc.
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Frequently Asked Questions

If my child is eligible for TK but we choose to not have them start until Kindergarten instead, will they still receive services? And if the IEP says they still need services will it be done through the neighborhood school or at Be Me Preschool?

- Students who are TK age will matriculate to the TK program and that is where they would receive their IEP services.
- If your child remains in preschool rather than TK or K, he/she could receive related services at your neighborhood school site (i.e., speech). This will be handled individually.

When will the transition IEP meetings occur and who initiates it?

- Transition IEPs will be scheduled in the spring by your child's case manager and/or the school psychologist

How do we transfer a sibling to the same school as our student with an IEP?

- That can be a school choice application, or the Elementary Education Department and school principal will work with you.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Will my student receive transportation to their elementary school?

- Transportation services are offered when your child's services and needs cannot be provided at your home school and subsequently a different school site is named as part of the IEP process. Please know, students who go to parent-selected school choice sites are not necessarily entitled to special education transportation services.

Can we reach out to parents who have gone through the transition process to ask questions?

- Every school site has a SEDAC representative that may assist with responding to questions or connect you with a parent that has gone through the transition process. Please contact the school site principal to request for your SEDAC representative.

Where can we find the copy of tonight's powerpoint and responses of FAQs?

- A copy of this powerpoint reviewed tonight will be posted on the District's website, under Special Education, and shared by the Coordinator to Be Me families.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Is there after school care for special education?

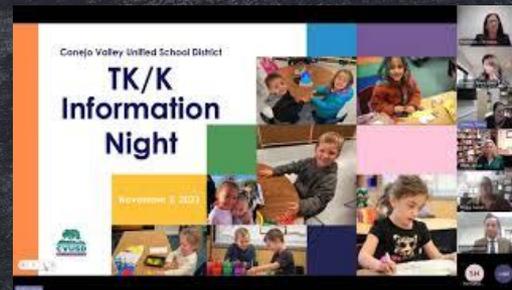
- There are two types of after school programs at elementary schools: CVUSD Child Care and ELOP (Expanded Learning Opportunities). Students with special education services attend both.

If I have additional questions, who do I contact?

- Shana Grudsky, Coordinator, Special Education (sgrudsky@conejousd.org)
 - Erin Roderick, Director, Special Education (eroderick@conejousd.org)
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TK - K Programming

- **Additional information from Dr. Dena Sellers regarding all things TK-K**
 - *Students born between 7/1/2019 and 9/1/2019 are eligible for TK OR K based on parent/guardian preference.*
- **Each school will be conducting site specific tours.**
- **TK/K Information on CVUSD Website**
- **Watch the Recording of our Webinar: TK & Kindergarten Information Night for the 2024-2025 School Year that was held on November 2nd, 2023:**



THANK
YOU!