

## What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

As mandated by Senate Bill 1381, Transitional Kindergarten will be provided during the 2012-2013 school year to DMUSD students who turn five years old within the dates of November 2, 2012 – December 2, 2012.

This program will provide children with an enriched foundational early childhood education experience to prepare them for success in traditional Kindergarten. The program is based on the California Kindergarten standards with focused instruction in literacy and numeracy along with emphasis on self-regulation and social engagement.



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## What is the Classroom Program for Transitional Kindergarten?

The Transitional Kindergarten program will follow the DMUSD half-day model of Traditional Kindergarten.

The daily schedule will include whole group instruction and activities, small group instruction and independent and “hands-on” learning. The Transitional Kindergartners will enjoy snack and recess with their friends and participate in all school activities such as music, art, and motor skills development throughout the year.



## Who Benefits from Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten provides the support for children to develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. This developmental program acts as a bridge between the preschool environment and the more structured setting of Kindergarten. It gives children the opportunity to access State Kindergarten Curriculum Standards in a classroom setting that provides an enhanced language experience and implements small group instruction and hands-on learning.

Transitional Kindergarten prepares students for the social and academic expectations for the following year’s entry into traditional Kindergarten.

District Parent Information Meetings  
Monday, February 6 (6:30 p.m.)  
Wednesday, February 8 (8:30 a.m.)  
Located at: Ashley Falls MUR  
13030 Ashley Falls Drive

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