



# Welcome to TK/K Parent Information Night



# Meet Our Presenters

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# Tonight's Agenda



1. What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?
2. TK Program Overview
3. Additional TK Information
4. Kindergarten Program Overview
5. Club Oak Park



# Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

- Bridge between preschool and Kindergarten
- Students who attend TK attend Kindergarten the following year



# Who is eligible to attend TK?

Students who turn 4 on or before September 1, 2025.



# TK Program Overview

- 4 hours/day
- Developmentally appropriate materials and curriculum
- Taught by experienced, credentialed teachers
- Maximum 10:1 student-teacher ratio (1 teacher, 1 instructional aide)
- Access to elementary counselor
- Collaboration between OPUSD preschool, TK, and K teachers



# TK focuses on...

- Students feeling safe and happy in a school environment
- Fostering a love of learning
- Play-based learning
- Learning-to-learn skills:
  - Routines and expectations
  - Following directions
  - Making connections
  - Problem solving



# Social/Emotional/Behavioral Learning

- How to identify and manage feelings/emotions
- How to build relationships, share common interests, and learn from and celebrate differences
- How to work cooperatively
- Conflict resolution
- Self-advocacy
- Perseverance
- Infused throughout the day

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# Early Academic Learning

- Preschool/TK Learning Foundations
- Language Development
- Pre-Literacy
  - Letters and sounds, concepts of print, vocabulary, etc.
- Pre-Math
  - Counting, graphing, number ID, 1:1 correspondence, etc.
- Pre-Writing
  - Holding a pencil, drawing, coloring, etc.
- Social Studies
- Science



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# Play-based Learning

Play is an important vehicle for developing self-regulation, as well as for promoting language, cognition, and social competence.



# Enrichment Activities

- Dramatic Play
- “Specials,” such as:
  - Art Trek
  - Library
  - Music
  - Innovation Lab
- Field Trips



# Sample TK Schedule - Beginning of the Year

8:15 AM - 12:15 PM

8:00 AM -12:00 PM (Brookside)

\*Early numeracy and literacy skills are integrated into our developmentally-appropriate play-based program.



SAMPLE SCHEDULE  
Attendance / Star of the Day  
Pledge  
Morning Song  
Movement to Music  
Story  
Self Portrait  
Snack  
Assembly  
Morning Meeting  
Recess  
Story Time  
Free Choice  
Circle Time



# Additional TK Information

- Self-Care
  - Toileting, hygiene, clothing/shoes
- Naps
- Lunch/snacks
- Updates/progress
- "Getting to Know You" sessions
- Supports



# Questions regarding TK?



# Kindergarten



# Who is eligible to attend Kindergarten?

Students who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2025.





# K Program Overview

- 5 hours/day
- Developmentally appropriate materials and curriculum
- Taught by experienced, credentialed teachers
- Common Core State Standards (ELA, Math) & Next Generation Science Standards
- Elementary counselor and behavior specialists support
- Collaboration between OPUSD TK and K teachers



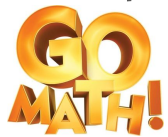
# K focuses on...

- Feeling safe and happy in a school environment
- Fostering a love of learning
- Play-based learning
- Academic content
  - Foundational Reading Skills
  - Mathematical practices
  - Thinking like a scientist
  - Hands-on, active learning



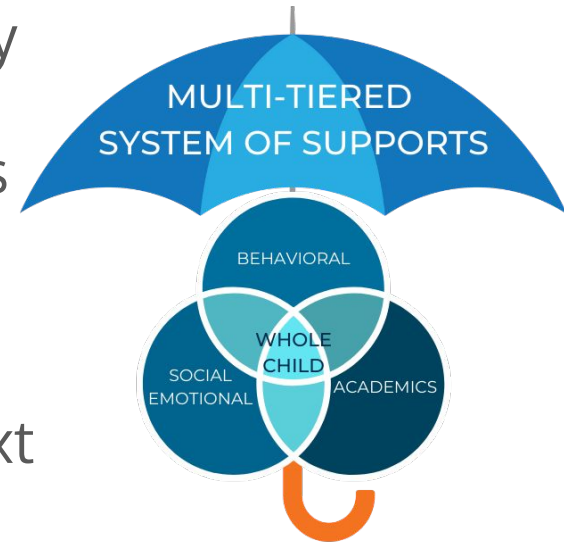
# K Curriculum

- Learning Common Core State Standards through experience
- Focus on hands-on, engaging , differentiated learning, creating meaning through doing
- Early reading and writing foundations - phonemic and orthographic awareness, phonics, alphabetic knowledge



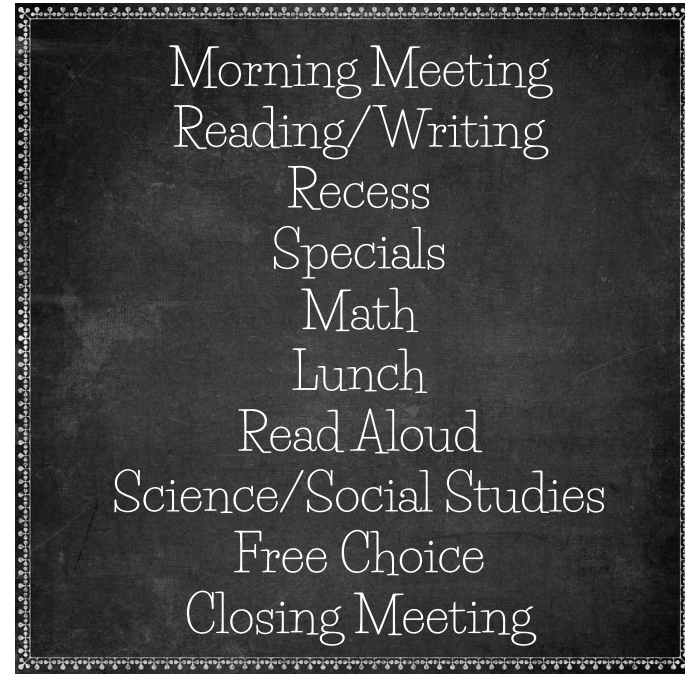
# Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

- Universally screen students 3x/year in early literacy and early math skills
- Trained interventionists work with students needing additional support in small group settings
- Progress monitoring provides data on the efficacy of the intervention and informs next steps
- Early intervention helps ensure a solid literacy and numeracy foundation



# Sample K Schedule

**8:15 AM -  
1:15 PM**



Morning Meeting  
Reading/Writing  
Recess  
Specials  
Math  
Lunch  
Read Aloud  
Science/Social Studies  
Free Choice  
Closing Meeting



# How can I help prepare my child for TK/K?

Read to your child.

Find things to count and sort.

Practice and encourage independence.

Positive messaging/Enthusiasm

Practice with a pencil, scissors, crayons.

Play!



# Questions regarding Kindergarten?



# Extended Care Program TK - 8th Grade

- Before and After School Care - 6:45am - 6:00pm
- Highly trained and carefully selected staff
- Program at each school site (BES, OHES, ROES, MCMS)
- School-Day Care: Before School and After School
- Non-School Day Care: Staff Development Days, etc.
- "Summer Gap" Program: First three weeks of summer break
- Alignment with OPUSD Climate of Care: A safe, nurturing, engaging environment
- Varied Indoor and Outdoor Activities
- Homework Support
- STEAM (Art, Science, Tech, and More!)
- CA Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P)



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# OPUSD's Climate of Care

School is more than academics. We prioritize a holistic approach to learning.

## Wellness:

- [Nutrition](#)
- Sleep
- Character Education
- [School Counselors](#)
- Physical Fitness
- Environmental Stewardship
- School Safety

## Maintaining a Balance:

- "PDF" - Play time, Down time, Family time
- Homework Policy



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# School and Class Placement

**School Placement:** All Oak Park resident families should have already enrolled at your local school. Please contact your school ASAP if you have not yet enrolled your child. All elementary District of Choice (DOC) families will receive an email **by May 1** regarding school placement.

**Class Placement:** You will find out the name of your child's teacher a few days before school starts.

**Orientation:** Students and families are invited to attend orientation before school starts in August. You will receive an invitation from your school site/teacher.





# General Questions





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