



Manteca Unified's Transitional Kindergarten: Two-year Kindergarten (TyK) Program

Why Two-year Kindergarten?

California's children must turn 5 on or before September 1 of the current school year to qualify for Kindergarten. **A Transitional Kindergarten class will be offered to children turning 5 years of age between September 2 and December 2.**

What is Two-Year Kindergarten?

Students with fall birthdays are often not developmentally ready (academically, emotionally and socially) for the rigors of today's Kindergarten. With the demands of California's Common Core Standards, our students may need additional time to adjust to what is expected in Kindergarten. The Two-year Kindergarten program gives these students "the gift of time" to develop the social, emotional, and academic skills necessary to build self-confidence and achieve success in school and in the future.

What is the Manteca Unified program?

Manteca Unified's Transitional Kindergarten program is entitled **Two-year Kindergarten Program (TyK)**. Credentialed teachers will teach the program using modified curriculum that exposes children to the Kindergarten core standards. During the first year, concept-driven instruction will focus on language and literacy, math, and social emotional development through large and small group instruction, and hands-on activities. All students enrolled in the TyK program will continue onto Kindergarten for the second year.

Where is the TyK Program?

TyK will be offered at the following elementary schools: August Knodt, George Komure, Great Valley, George McParland Annex, Golden West, Joshua Cowell, Lathrop, Lincoln, Mossdale, and Veritas. District Transportation will not be provided for the TyK program.

Who do I contact for more information and how do I register?

For further information regarding the Two-year Kindergarten (TyK) Program and how to register, please see our website at <http://www.mantecausd.net/community/families/kindergarten> or contact the MUSD School Readiness Department at 858-0848.