



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transition Kindergarten: How Do You Decide?

Parents, you know your child best and ultimately will decide whether Transition Kindergarten makes sense for your child. The following are suggestions to help you with your decision:

- Visit your local school to find out about the Kindergarten programs offered.
- Attend Kindergarten Orientation and/or school meetings to learn more.
- Meet with your child's preschool teacher or caregiver to discuss your child's readiness for Kindergarten.
- If you have concerns about your child's readiness to enter Kindergarten, consider these questions:
 1. Does my child have a fall birthday?
 2. Does my child appear to be ready for structured academic work?
 3. Would my child benefit from having additional time to develop his/her social and/or academic skills?
 4. What else would my child be doing if s/he did not attend Kindergarten?
- Communicate with the school principal, teachers, and support staff. They will answer any questions you may have regarding Transition Kindergarten and Traditional Kindergarten options.
- Whether you request your child to be in Transition Kindergarten or Traditional Kindergarten, approach the beginning of school with enthusiasm, confidence, and reassurance!
- Participate in your child's educational experience at home and at school. Get involved!