

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Q: How old does my child need to be to enroll for kindergarten school year 2012-2013?

A: Your child needs to be 5 years of age on or before November 1, 2012 to attend kindergarten for the school year 2012-2013. New State Law has changed the age requirement for kindergarten.

Q: What if my child turns 5 after November 1, 2012, can I still enroll in kindergarten?

A: No, the child cannot attend regular kindergarten. However, Fontana Unified School District might be offering a Transitional Kindergarten Program for children who will turn 5 years old between November 2nd and December 2, 2012 pending on the State Budget approval. We will have more information in the future. (See below Transitional Kindergarten)

Q: If my child is currently attending a preschool program here in Fontana Unified School District, do I still need to come and enroll him/her in kindergarten?

A: Yes, you do need to enroll your child in kindergarten.

Q: When I enrolled my child in preschool I took some of the required documents, do I need to bring them again or you kept a copy?

A: We do not keep copies at the Enrollment Center. You will need to bring the required documentation, birth certificate, immunization record, physical examination, proof of address, and parent picture/guardian I.D.

Q: When do kindergarten enrollments begin?

A: The week of February 6. Please check the calendar to verify when enrollments for your home school will take place. Enrollment packets are available at your school site, Enrollment Center, and at www.fusd.net

Q: If for any reason I cannot come during the week assigned to my home school, can I still enroll at any time during the six weeks?

A: No, if you missed your week of enrollment, open enrollment for next school year will begin on June 4, 2012.

Q: Can I enroll my child if he/she is waiting to have immunizations and/or a physical examination?

A: No, you must have verification of all immunizations at the time of enrollment. However, if your child HAS ALL THE IMMUNIZATIONS but still needs the physical, bring proof of the appointment for the physical examination, and you can enroll your child in kindergarten.

We encourage you to obtain the immunizations before your scheduled week and obtain proof of an appointment for the physical examination to be able to enroll your child.

Q: Can I enroll in a school that is not my home school?

A: The only way to enroll in another school is with an approved Intra-District Transfer from FUSD Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA). The deadline to turn in Intra-District Transfers for next school year was January 31, 2012.

Since kindergarten enrollments are before the end of the school year, your child will be enrolled in the home school. Once you receive your approved Intra-District Transfer in the mail you can take it to your home school, request your records, and take them to the approved school of choice.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Due to the new law that changed the age required to enter kindergarten to November 1st, the Fontana Unified School District might be offering a Transitional Kindergarten Program to children who turn five years old between November 2nd and December 2nd.

Due to the fact that Transitional Kindergarten is contingent upon State Budget approval, at this time the District is creating a waiting list for children who can participate in this program. We will contact families when we have more information on the status of Transitional Kindergarten. Forms for the waiting list are available at the Enrollment Center and at www.fusd.net

Q: Are all elementary schools going to provide a Kindergarten Transitional Program?

A: No, the program will be offered only at five sites: Beech, Date, Grant, Porter, and Shadow Hills, and will be serving clusters of schools as follows:

Beech: Almond, Live Oak, Poplar, Redwood, West Randall

Date: Citrus, Cypress, Oleander, Palmetto, Randall Pepper

Grant: Binks, Hemlock, Juniper, Mango, Sierra Lakes, Tokay

Porter: Locust, Maple, North Tamarind, Primrose, South Tamarind

Shadow Hills: Canyon Crest, Chaparral, Oak Park

Q: What are the requirements for Transitional Kindergarten?

Children must be born between November 2nd and December 2, 2007. Immunizations and physical examination are the same as for regular kindergarten.

Q: Will transportation be available?

A: Unfortunately no, parents will be responsible for providing transportation.

Q: Will my child be automatically enrolled in the program if his/her birthday falls between November 2nd and December 2nd and is currently enrolled in a preschool program?

A: No, you need to come and enroll your child for Transitional Kindergarten.

Q: After completing one year of Transitional Kindergarten will my child have to enroll in regular kindergarten?

A: Yes, your child will need to complete a second year of kindergarten before advancing to first grade.

You can submit enrollment documents on the week of March 26 – 30, 2012 and be placed on a waiting list to finalize the enrollment process in the Transitional Kindergarten program at a later date if the legislature passes a budget providing funding for the program.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

Q: How old does my child need to be to enroll into the preschool program?

A: Current school year 2011-2012: your child needs to turn 4 years old on or by April 2, 2012.

Next school year 2012-2013: your child needs to turn 4 years old on or before December 31, 2012.

The Enrollment Center works off a waiting list to call families for preschool enrollments. You need to put your child on the waiting list. Waiting list forms are available in the Enrollment Center and online at www.fusd.net. Forms need to be turned in at the Enrollment Center.

Q: When do preschool enrollments start for next school year?

A: The week of April 2, 2012. Please check the schedule to verify the week assigned to your school of choice..

Informational packets are available at the Enrollment Center with detail information on everything you need to have at the time of enrollment.

Enrollment packets for preschool will be available starting March 5, 2012 at the Enrollment Center.

Q: My child is already in preschool but will need to do another year of preschool. Do I still need to enroll my child for next school year?

A: Yes, you need to come to enroll your child during the week scheduled for your school of choice and bring all required documents all over again.