

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Kindergarten Enrollment**

### **Q: How old does my child need to be to enroll for kindergarten?**

*A: Your child needs to turn 5 on or before September 1st of the upcoming school year to enroll for kindergarten.*

### **Q: If my child is born after September 1<sup>st</sup>, can I still enroll him/her into kindergarten?**

*A: Unfortunately, no. Children born after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming school year are not able to attend kindergarten that school year and will be able start kindergarten the following year. However, FUSD does have a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program for students born between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Transitional Kindergarten is offered at eighteen FUSD schools. Please see the chart for enrollment date cut-offs by clicking this link: [Enrollment / FUSD Student Enrollment](#)*

### **Q: If my child is currently attending a preschool class in FUSD, do I have to enroll for kindergarten, or will my child automatically roll up?**

*A: You must enroll for kindergarten, if your child has attended the California State Preschool Program offered in FUSD. They do not automatically roll up, but we do have your child's information in our system, so you do not need to pre-enroll.*

### **Q: If I enrolled a child in preschool and brought all the required documents, do I need to bring them again to enroll for kindergarten?**

*A: Yes. You will need to present the required documents for verification upon enrollment for kindergarten. Please see our Enrollment web page for more information, or you can click this link: [Enrollment / Documents You Will Need To Enroll Your Child \(TK-12\) \(fUSD.net\)](#).*

### **Q: When do kindergarten enrollments begin?**

*A: Kindergarten enrollment typically begins February 1st of any current school year in FUSD. You can visit our web page by clicking this link to read about how to pre-enroll and all the requirements to get started: [Enrollment / FUSD Student Enrollment](#)*

### **Q: If I cannot come to open enrollment in February and March, can I still enroll my child into kindergarten for the next school year?**

*A: Yes. The Enrollment Center facilitates open enrollment for kindergarten to exclusively enroll for kindergarten in February and March, but we keep enrolling for kindergarten throughout the rest of the year. The advantage of enrolling during open enrollment is so you have a better chance of getting your child enrolled into your home boundary school before space fills up.*

**Q: Can I still enroll during open enrollment if I am waiting for my child to complete the immunization schedule and/or a physical exam?**

*A: All students enrolling for kindergarten must have all their required immunizations completed prior to enrolling. However, if you have completed all the required immunizations and have yet to get a physical exam, you may still enroll if you have a confirmed doctor appointment for a physical that you can present at the time of enrollment. The physical must take place prior to the first day of school.*

**Q: Can I enroll into a school that is not my child's home boundary school?**

*A: To enroll into a school outside of your home boundary school, you will need an approved Intra-district transfer from the office of Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA). The window for open transfer requests is January 10<sup>th</sup> – February 9<sup>th</sup>. You may request an Intra-district transfer by clicking this link to fill out the online form and submit it to CWA: [Child Welfare and Attendance / INTRA and INTER District Transfer Information \(fusd.net\)](https://fusd.net/intra-inter-transfer). Transfer requests done during this window typically receive a response by the end of May.*

Since open enrollment for kindergarten begins right before the transfer window closes, you do not have enroll to request a transfer. When you enroll for kindergarten, we will place your child in their home boundary school pending the approval of the transfer request. Once the transfer is approved, CWA will send a letter of approval and we will transfer the student to the approved school in our student information system. Transfers approved during the course for the school year require the parent to take the approval letter to the current school to inform them that the child has an approved transfer. They will work with the transfer school to send the student's information over to them.

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Transitional Kindergarten Enrollment**

### **Q: Do all FUSD schools offer Transitional Kindergarten?**

*A: TK will have 18 sites in the 2024-25 school year. There are two 4-hour sessions for TK, a morning session, and an afternoon session. Each session has a capacity to welcome 12 students. Times differ at each school site according to individual schedules. Please contact the school site for times.*

### **Q: What are the requirements for Transitional Kindergarten?**

*A: Children must turn 5 years old between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> of the upcoming school year to attend Transitional Kindergarten. Physical and immunization requirements are the same as for regular kindergarten.*

### **Q: Is transportation available for Transitional Kindergarten?**

*A: Unfortunately, no. Since Transitional Kindergarten is a voluntary program with parent choice of school sites, parents are responsible for transportation of their student.*

### **Q: Will my child be automatically enrolled into Transitional Kindergarten if they are currently attending the California State Preschool Program in FUSD?**

*A: Unfortunately, no. You will need to enroll your child into transitional kindergarten just as you do regular kindergarten if your child has attended preschool. You do not need to pre-enroll as we have your child's information in our system, but you will need the required documents for TK. If you have a child in preschool and would like to enroll for transitional kindergarten for the next school year, and need to make an appointment to enroll (on or after February 1<sup>st</sup>), you can click this link: [Welcome to Fontana Unified School District Enrollment Center | Waitwhile](#)*

### **Q: After my child attends Transitional Kindergarten, will they automatically go to kindergarten the following year, or do I need to enroll into kindergarten?**

*A: Students who are enrolled into TK will automatically roll up to kindergarten the next school year. Please note that if you have a child attending a TK class that is not your home boundary school, your child will be cycled back to their home boundary school for kindergarten. If you would like to remain at that TK school, that requires an Intra-district transfer. You can get information about transfers by clicking this link: [Child Welfare and Attendance / INTRA and INTER District Transfer Information \(fUSD.net\)](#)*

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Dual Language Immersion (DLI)**

### **Q: How do I get my child into the Dual Language Immersion program?**

A: The Fontana Unified School District DLI program is offered every year for incoming kindergarten students who reside within the FUSD boundary. Selection of students for the DLI program is done by lottery since there are usually more families interested in DLI than there is available space. Parents who are interested in the DLI program must fill out an interest form at the Enrollment Center to participate in the lottery. FUSD currently offers the DLI program at to school sites:

- Dolores Huerta International Academy
- Redwood Elementary School

### **Q: Do I need to enroll my child into kindergarten to get into the DLI lottery?**

A: Yes. Your child must be currently enrolled in kindergarten prior to the DLI lottery to fill out an interest form. Open enrollment for kindergarten begins February 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents may come to the enrollment center to enroll for kindergarten and fill out an interest form by April 7<sup>th</sup> to participate in the DLI lottery.

### **Q: If my child is in Transitional Kindergarten and I do not need to enroll for kindergarten, how do I get in the DLI lottery?**

A: Parents of TK students who will be moving up to kindergarten who are interested in the DLI program just need to come to the Enrollment Center between February 1<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> and fill out an interest form.

### **A: How do I get a lottery number?**

A: Once a family has enrolled for kindergarten and filled out the interest form, they will receive an email or call from the Enrollment Center approximately 1 week before the lottery giving them their lottery number.

### **Q: Can I sign up to be in the lottery for both Dolores Huerta International Academy and Redwood Elementary?**

A: Unfortunately, no. Parents must choose one school or the other for the DLI lottery. Parents who are not chosen in the lottery for a space will go on the waitlist in the order their number is chosen once spaces have been filled.

### **Q: How will I know if my family number was chosen for a space?**

A: The lottery will be live streamed on Facebook Live on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from Dolores Huerta International Academy in the evening. Please check the FUSD website for details on time as the date draws closer. Afterward, the schools will notify the families who were chosen, and thy students will be transferred to the DLI school from their home boundary school by the school district.

**Q: What if I no longer want my child in the DLI program?**

A: Parents who wish to withdraw from the DLI program need to notify the DLI school of their decision, and the school will work with the child's home boundary school to transfer them back.

**Frequently Asked Questions About Preschool Enrollment**

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

A: Please see the below chart for cut-off birthdates for preschool:

4-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten (PK4)	September 2, 2019 to September 1, 2020	Begins April 8, 2024
3-Year-Old Preschool (PS3)*	September 2, 2020 to December 1, 2021	Begins April 8, 2024
*If student turns 3 on or after December 2, 2021, they may enroll for preschool on or after their 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday.		

**Q: When does preschool enrollment start for the 2024-25 school year?**

A: Preschool open enrollment begins April 8, 2024. Parents may begin the pre-enrollment process as early as February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Q: Do I need to bring my documents again if I had a child in preschool last year?**

A: Yes. When you enroll for preschool for the next year, you will need to bring the required documents again. This is because preschool is a state-sponsored program based on income with a gross monthly income cap that cannot be exceeded in order to qualify. Income may change from year to year, so we must re-verify income qualification, household members, as well as the physical and TB test.

**Q: What school sites offer preschool?**

A: FUSD offers California State-sponsored Preschool at 24 school site locations:

Almond	Beech	Can. Crest	Citrus	Cypress	Date
D. Grant	Hemlock	Juniper	Live Oak	Locust	Mango
Maple	N Tamarind	Oak Park	Oleander	Palmetto	Poplar
T Porter	R Pepper	Redwood	S Hills	S Tamarind	Tokay

Please check with the office of Early Education for more details at (909) 357-5000 X 29226