

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN



What is Transitional Kindergarten? The Riverside Elementary Transitional Kindergarten program (TK) is designed for young 5 year olds. It is a bridge between preschool and regular kindergarten, and builds social-emotional and academic readiness to help students be more successful when they enter a regular kindergarten class the following year.

Benefits of TK:

- Equitable access and choice for all families.
- Reduces achievement gaps and educational disparities.
- Supports differentiated and scaffolded teaching and learning strategies to support early learners.
- Smaller class sizes (16-19 average)

Criteria:

- Students must be enrolled in Kindergarten
- Preference will be given to students whose 5th birthday falls between May 1 and September 1.
- Openings for older age students with birthdays outside that range will be put on a wait list.
- Students living within the school district may be given priority.

Assessments/Screening:

- Early Childhood screening
- Preschool and Kindergarten teacher input
- Parent input

Curriculum: Kindergarten standards/Transitional Kindergarten components (slower paced- with more hands-on activities/social-emotional learning)

Enrollment Cap: 16-19 students

For questions regarding Transitional Kindergarten, please contact Dr. Kim Meyer, Riverside Elementary Principal at kim.meyer@jccschools.net or (507)847-6649.