

If your child turns four before Sept. 2, 2025, they are eligible to begin Transitional Kindergarten in the 2025-2026 school year.

Contact your school district today to begin the process!

Check with your district of residence for details. If you are unsure of your district of residence, use the District Locator at hcoe.org/district-locator.

If you are seeking an inter-district transfer, please do so before February 1st.

Transitonal kindergarten is one of many choices for a young child.

Your family can choose the best option that meets your cultural, family, and life needs:

Program	California State Preschool Program (CSPP)	Head Start	Private Pay Preschool	Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
Ages	3- and 4-year-olds	3- and 4-year-olds	3- and 4-year-olds	4-year-olds, depending on birthday
What It Is	Preschool program run through contracts from the State of California	Federally-funded preschool program	Preschool and childcare programs	Part of the public elementary school system that takes place the year before Kindergarten
Schedule	Part-day and full-day options available	Part-day and full-day options available	Part-day and full-day options determined by individual preschool providers	Part-day and full-day options, depending on local decisions
Cost	Free or low-cost, based on income eligibility and other factors	Free, based on income eligibility	Fees determined by individual preschool providers	Free, regardless of income