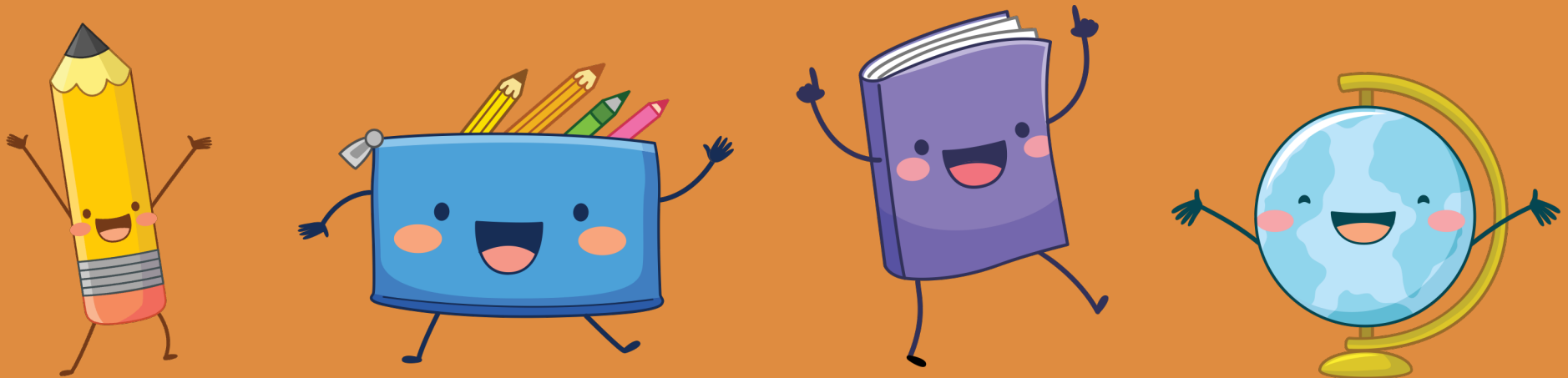


Ukiah Unified School District

Universal Transitional Kindergarten

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Transitional Kindergarten: Background

- The 2010 Kindergarten Readiness Act created Transitional Kindergarten (TK) in California.
- Children eligible for TK turn 5 between September 2 and December 2 of the current school year.
- TK is intended to provide extra time and a developmentally appropriate curriculum to prepare for kindergarten .
- TK teachers are required to hold a teaching credential (same requirements that authorize to teach kindergarten).
- By August 2015, TK teachers additionally required to have 24 units of early childhood education (ECE); a Child Development Teacher permit; or classroom experience equivalent to 24 ECE units, as defined by LEA.
- No state mandated TK curriculum; intended to be aligned to the CA Preschool Learning Foundations.
- LEAs are allowed flexibility to determine how to meet curricular needs (e.g., combining TK and K and/or TK and CSPP in the same classroom).



Transitional Kindergarten: 2021-2022

Currently UUSD has TK at each elementary school.

Elementary School	Number of Classes
Calpella	1 TK only
Frank Zeek	1 TK only
Grace Hudson	1 TK only
Nokomis	1 TK/K
Oak Manor	3 TK/K (due to staffing shift)
Yokayo	1 TK/K

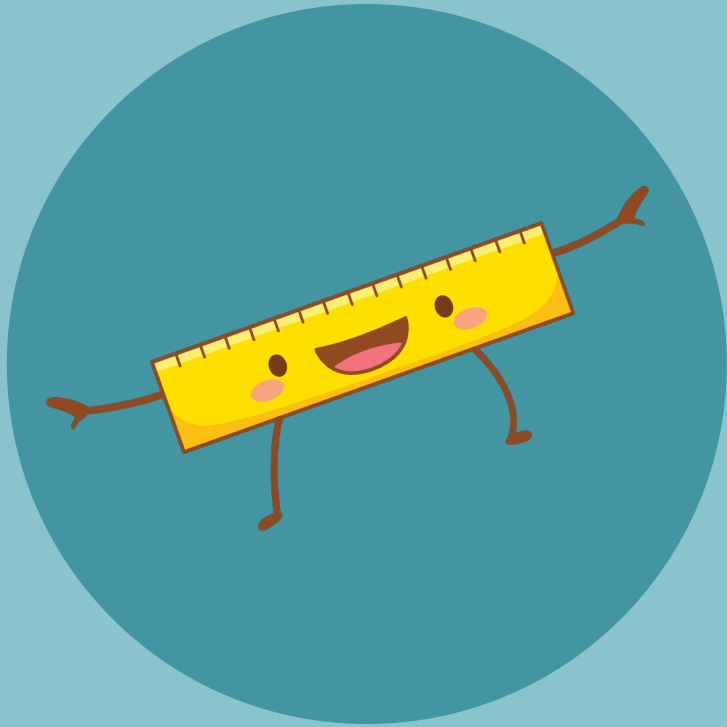


California Budget Act and UTK



- The California Budget act expands Universal Transitional Kindergarten starting in 2022-2023 school year with full expansion by 2025-2026.
- TK students will be 4 years old for a majority of the school year in 2025-2026.
- Families can enroll their children in either Preschool or Transitional Kindergarten.
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program requires Districts to provide a 9 hour day to all students, including TK students.
- UUSD will receive approximately \$184,888 in Pre-K Planning and Implementation Grant base funds. (Additional funding for facilities will be discussed in the facilities presentation.)
- UUSD must develop a plan for Transitional Kindergarten expansion by June 30, 2022.

UTK Implementation: Timeline



The phase-in model begins in the 2022-23 school year with the following age eligibility for children enrolling in Transitional Kindergarten.

- 2022-23: 5th birthday between September 2 - February 2
- 2023-24: 5th birthday between September 2 – April 2
- 2024-25: 5th birthday between September 2 – June 2
- 2025-26: 4th birthday by September 1st

UTK Implementation: Staffing



Required Average Ratio:

- 2022-23 - 1 adult : 12 students
- 2023-24 - 1 adult : 10 students (contingent upon an appropriation of funds for this purpose)
- Beginning in 2022-23, the average Transitional Kindergarten class enrollment should not be more than 24

Qualifications:

- A credentialed teacher first assigned to a TK classroom after July 1, 2015, possesses by August 1, 2023, one of the following:
 - At least 24 units in early childhood education, or childhood development, or both
 - A child development teacher permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

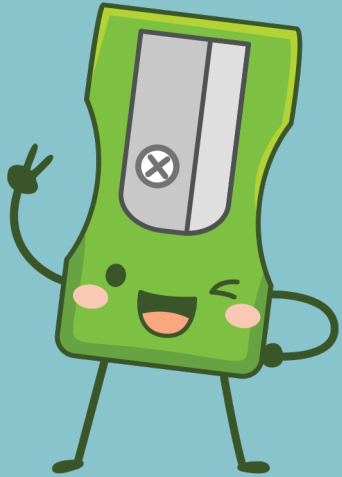
Universal Transitional Kindergarten Plan

UUSD TK Expansion Plan

- Have at least one TK only class at each school.
- Staff each classroom with one certificated teacher and one paraprofessional (7 hours).
- Enroll up to 20 students, leaving 4 slots for any late neighborhood enrollments.

Elementary School	Number TK only Classes
Calpella	1 to 2
Frank Zeek	1
Grace Hudson	1 to 2
Nokomis	1
Oak Manor	1
Yokayo	1

Next Steps and Questions?



- Communicate to Families
- Review Staffing Needs and Credentials
- Create Professional Development Plans
- Continue to Monitor Enrollment
- Create TK Plan to Be Approved by the Board in June 2022
- Facilities Needs (This topic will be covered in the facilities presentation tonight.)

Question?