



Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Orientation 2018

Welcome parents,
family, and
friends of the
class of 2031!



A Message From...

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Meet our Staff



Principal: Eric Scharer

Secretary: Heidi Golab

Office Clerk: Sue Ahmadian

Health Aide: Michele Testa

Child Care Director: Gloria Lewis

District Nurse: Patty Murray



Our Kindergarten Team

Helen Kamali
Jackie Knudson
Alyssa Starr
Brandon Baza



- The teachers are all fully-credentialed, CLAD certified instructors with **MANY** years of experience between them!
- They plan together formally and coordinate all elements of the curriculum.



Kindergarten Standards

We teach the California Content Standards

Designed to encourage the **highest achievement** of every student.

- To learn more:

- **Union School District's Website:** <http://www.unionsd.org>

- **California Department of Education's website:** <http://www.cde.ca.gov>



What should I expect in my child's Kindergarten?

AM/PM allows for two teachers in the room, for part of the day, working with differentiated groups.

Small-group instruction meets the varying needs of our students in all subject areas.

Example:

One group might be working on writing sentences in their journals, while another group might draw pictures.





A Snapshot Of Our Day

- **AM session** runs from 8:05 to 11:25
- **PM session** runs from 11:30 to 2:50
- **“Wednesdays”** – PM students attend the AM session (8:05 – 11:25). No change for AM students.
- Children arrive for class & line up outside their classroom
 - End of Day – Children are released by the playground gate.
 - 20 minute snack-recess – 10 min. eating/10 min. play
 - Separate, enclosed playground for kindergarten only with teachers (not yard duties) supervising the children.



Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten!

Having your child come to kindergarten able to do the following things will give them a great start to the school year:

- Identify letter names
- Identify letter sounds
- Recognize and write his/her name
- Recognize numbers to 20
- Cut with scissors
- Correctly hold a pencil or crayon
- Draw a picture of him/herself
- Listen & follow simple directions
- Work and play cooperatively
- Verbalize feelings when frustrated





Who is eligible?

- In order to begin **Kindergarten** your child must be 5 years of age **on or before September 1, 2018.**
- In order to begin **Transitional Kindergarten (TK)** your child must be turning 5 years old between **September 2 and December 2, 2018.**



How do I Register?



- Union School District has **ONLINE REGISTRATION.**
- Kindergarten Online Registration begins February 1, 2018
- The link for online registration will be posted on the district and school websites.
- If you do not have computer access, you may use the online system at the school site beginning on February 1, 2018 after 10:00 a.m.



Directions for Registering

Directions:

Step 1: Completely fill out all of the online registration.

Step 2: You must bring in required proofs of residency to our school office before your registration will be finalized and accepted

Step 3: You must have child's original Birth certificate or Passport (no copies), and Immunization Records (no copies)



What else will you need to register?

One of the following:

- ★ Current Property Tax Bill or Landlord Agreement

Two of the following items: *they must be current statements. Two utility bills are not acceptable (i.e PG&E and water)*

★ PG&E

★ Water

★ Bank statement

★ Car or Homeowners Insurance

**Please note that your registration will not be complete until we receive the above proofs.*



Health Services and Requirements

- **District Nurses: Lisa Schirle, Pat Murray, Kris Suzuki**
- **Health Aide: Michele Testa**

Kindergarten immunizations requirements:

1. 5 DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis - 4 doses meet requirement if at least one was on or after the 4th birthday)
2. 4 IPV/OPV (Oral polio vaccine)
3. 3 Hepatitis B
4. 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella - both on or after 1st birthday)
5. 1 Varicella (Chicken Pox)
6. A TB risk assessment form must be filled out and signed by a physician within 12 months of first school admission
7. Physical exam within 18 months of entrance to 1st grade



Immunization Requirements

As of January 1, 2016:

- Parents or guardians of students in any school will no longer be allowed to submit an immunization exemption to a currently-required vaccine based on personal or religious beliefs.
- The only exception to the law is a medical exemption, whereby a parent or guardian may submit a written, signed statement from a licensed physician.
- If there is any reason your child is delayed in the immunization process a note signed and stamped by the physician must be submitted to complete registration. The letter must include:
 - what immunizations are missing
 - what timeline they will be administered and,
 - the physician's name.



Intra-District Transfer Within the District

If you are thinking of having your child attend a school other than your home school—

- Register at your home school first
- Request an **INTRA**-district transfer form from the District Office.
- Return the Intra-district application to the District Office before **March 1**
- You will be notified in late August if space is available in the school you have requested



Inter-District Transfer Policy Outside of USD

- Contact your home district and request an **inter-district transfer**.
- Until that request is approved by the home district, no other action can occur.
- Once approved by the home district, you may then apply to attend one of our district schools.
- Parents will be notified in August if their application was approved. Please note that an inter-district transfer provides you with a placement in Union District, but may or may not be at the particular school that you request.



What if I need childcare?

Champions: (408)-821-5015

Site Director: Gloria Lewis

- Can accommodate either AM/PM class placement
- Provides extended learning program for kinder and before/after school for K-5
- On-site credentialed teachers



Common Questions:

1. Do you offer tours of the school/classroom?

- We offer tours in the spring for parents who have completed registration
- Parents may also see classes during Open House on May 16, 2018

2. Do you accept requests for AM (or PM) placement?

- We do **not** accept requests for placement in AM. We **do** accept requests for PM
- We do not change AM/PM placement to accommodate outside activities or programs, so please wait before scheduling

3. When will I know my child's AM/ PM placement?

- The week prior to school opening



Thank you for Coming!

Specific questions concerning your child's registration or residency can be directed to one of our capable school staff

