

BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEARNERS



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DIVISION

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GIVING FAMILIES OPTIONS UPK STATE SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS



Master Plan for Early Learning and Care

PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY	LOCATIONS	OPERATION
<p>4 Infant Centers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ages 6 weeks to 30 months 	<p>Teen parents</p> <p>Income based and identified need</p>	<p>Cleveland, Locke, *Ramona, & Roosevelt</p>	<p>180 days a year</p> <p>*Ramona operates year-round w/ extended hours</p>
<p>87 Early Education Centers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 years to 4.5 years 	<p>Income based and identified need</p>	<p>Region East 32</p> <p>Region North 19</p> <p>Region South 18</p> <p>Region West 19</p>	<p>Year-round with extended hours</p>
<p>96 California State Preschool Programs on 82 elementary schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 and 4-year-olds 	<p>Income based and identified need</p>	<p>Region East 20</p> <p>Region North 36</p> <p>Region South 16</p> <p>Region West 10</p>	<p>Full-day programs following the 180-day calendar</p>



UNIVERSAL TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN



Program	Eligibility	Locations	Operation
Universal Transitional Kindergarten – UTK	Age-based	488 elementary schools across the district	Traditional school year calendar 180

How is it different than other early education programs and kindergarten?

Early Education Centers (EEC)	State Preschool (CSPP)	UTK	Kindergarten
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2- 4 1/2 -year-olds • Year-Round Calendar • 8+ hours a day • Center-based • Preschool Learning Foundations • Creative Curriculum • Income eligible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3- and 4-year-olds • Traditional Calendar • 6.5 hours a day • Elementary School Campus • Preschool Learning Foundations • Creative Curriculum • Income eligible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 4-year-olds • Traditional Calendar • 6.5 hours a day • Elementary School Campus • Preschool Learning Foundations • Students may attend the afterschool program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years old by Sept. 1st • Traditional Calendar • 6.5 hours a day • Elementary School Campus • CA Common Core State Standards (CCSS) • Students may attend the afterschool program.

A DEEPER LOOK INTO UTK

Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) is for any child who will have their fourth birthday on/by September 1 of the school year.

Who benefits from UTK? All 4 year-olds

- No income requirements
- Inclusion through collaborative classrooms - UTKCC
- In 2022-23, 317 elem. schools offered UTK
- In 2023-2024, 171 additional elem. schools offered UTK



UNIVERSAL TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN is available for free to all children who will have their 4th birthday on/by September 1 of the school year.

See You in School!
Elementary School Starts at 4 years old
Call (844) EARLYED
Visit enrollnow.lausd.net



Enroll Now

A DEEPER LOOK INTO UNIVERSAL TK



What does research tell us?

- The Independent Analysis Unit found children that attended TK programs v. those that did not have a school experience at age 4:
 - Significantly outperformed students in math, writing, and reading in Kinder and 1st grade.
 - Significantly outperformed students in Diagnostic Inventory of Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) in Kinder, 1st grade, and 2nd grade.
 - Showed higher grades in work effort and socioemotional skills on report cards, indicating that the students have an increased readiness of kinder on non-cognitive measures.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A UTK STUDENT

- Content driven instruction
 - Teacher led small and large group instruction
 - Differentiated instruction
 - Read-Alouds
 - Scaffolding for English learners
 - Social Emotional Learning
- Indoor learning centers
 - Developing fine motor skills, oral language, inquiry and exploration
- Outdoor learning
 - Gross motor development & extension of indoor instructional program



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Parent Councils – SSC, DELAC
- Parent Advisory Councils
- Parent Education Workshops and Connections to Learning
- Celebrations - Creative Curriculum Study
- Special Events – Career Day, STEAM Fest, Literacy Night, Math Night
- Holiday Celebrations
- Volunteer in classrooms
- Community Resource Presentations



ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGNS

Enrollment campaigns with multiple phases

Phase I - October 2022 “See you in school.”

- EEC and CSPP enrollment nearly double

Phase II – March 2023 “See you in school”

- Focus on Universal Transitional Kindergarten

Phase III – Sept. & Oct. 2024 “See you in school”

- Dual focus and inclusion of radio, TV, district wide canvassing, and district vans



Action	Description	Links & Resources	Timeline
Social Media Content	Social media content for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter	Social Media Content (English and Spanish) ➤ Image & Wording	Ongoing
Marquee Message	Sample message to include on a school's marquee	Message: Calling all 4-year-olds! Enroll Now to attend school in August 2023	Ongoing
BBC Messages	Sample BBC message template: Schedule messages to be sent using phone, email, and text messages	Sample BBC Messages Job Aids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Video Job Aid • Teacher BBC Guide • BBC: Creating Group lists • Mail Merge 	Week of July 31
Flyers	Make copies of flyers and keep a stack in the front office	Informational Flyer: English/Spanish	Ongoing
Enrollment Banners	Elementary schools have received an English and Spanish enrollment banner to display in a busy entrance/exit area	-Enrollment Banner: English/Spanish -1 English and 1 Spanish banner hanging in a busy/entrance /exit on the outside of the fence.	Currently
Community Rep Canvassing - UTK Awareness	100+ Community Representatives canvassed neighborhoods surrounding our 64 Priority elementary schools sharing information about UTK opportunities for 4-year-olds	Community Rep volunteers received training on the first day of their assignment per region to become familiar with scripts and protocols that they used in visiting homes and distributing informational materials. We asked them to express their interest using a UTK Participation Survey .	During week of July 24
New UTK Legislation - Check-In Sessions for Principals	Drop-in sessions for principals provided to answer questions pertaining to new UTK legislation	AQ developed based on questions posed in check-in sessions and distributed Thursday, Aug. 8	Tues. 8/1 Wed. 8/2 Thurs. 8/3

ENROLLMENT



Program	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
EEC & CSPP	*12,629	7,735	6,071	5,773	5,863
ETK	5,625	4,643	4,823	13,883	15,331
TK	6,696	5,636	6,220		



* SY19-20 end of year data for EECs and CSPP programs

Norm day data is used for each of the programs.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

Enrollment Campaign III

- Radio/TV, district wide canvassing, district vans, and elected officials

Professional Development

- September 9 – Curriculum Training – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- September 16 – Alignment of Preschool Learning Foundations to Instructional Practices – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- August 16 -18 - Instructional Overview– 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Asynchronous Trainings / California Early Childhood Online (CECO)
- Additional PDs forthcoming



THANK YOU

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