

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Starting school is a very exciting time for children and their families! It begins a new chapter in their lives and sets the tone for the future.

Transitional kindergarten is an early childhood education program that builds a bridge between preschool and traditional kindergarten. It is designed for, but not limited to, students who turn 5 years old between September 2nd and December 2nd and for children who may not be socially and/or academically ready for kindergarten.

Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience. It provides young learners with a head start and an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs.

Research shows that children who participate in school readiness programs like transitional kindergarten are more likely to do well in school, attend college, and earn higher wages.

Junior Kindergarten is our transitional kindergarten program at Union Hill School

Our Junior Kindergarten program is part of the Union Hill School District TK – 6th grade partial charter conversion. If you live outside the Union Hill School District and want to be part of the Union Hill Family then you must submit registration material during the Open Enrollment period, which closes on April 5 with the Public Random Drawing occurring on April 19.

Union Hill Junior Kindergarten

- Longest existing transitional kindergarten program in Nevada County.
- Developmentally appropriate learning experiences.
- Nurturing environment encouraging creativity, exploration, and discovery.
- Rich literacy and numeracy activities.
- Thematic curriculum that integrates social studies, science, and the arts.
- Focus on the whole child.
- Emphasis on learning independence and developing a sense of community.
- Junior Kindergartners attend school every day and have the same instructional day as kindergarten.
- Class sizes for Junior Kindergarten are the same as class size for kindergarten and do not exceed twenty-four children.
- Family involvement is valued and vital to our Junior Kindergarten program.