



TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

A Bridge to Kindergarten Success
2018-19

We are the only preschool affiliated with the Glen Rock School District.

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KINDERGARTEN READINESS

The question of kindergarten readiness is nothing new. Each year parents of children with birthdates near the cut-off date for school entry struggle with the decision of whether to send their child or “hold them back.” When California introduced the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) model in 2010, the concept spread quickly across the nation, as educators and families embraced the change in philosophy from “holding back” to “the gift of time” through a formalized program and curriculum.

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, approximately 15% of 5- to 6-year-olds now delay a year before beginning kindergarten.

While some parents may use a late birthdate as their barometer, it’s really a decision that needs to take into account all aspects of your child’s early development. Does your child socialize well with his/her peer group? Is s/he progressing emotionally? Are you seeing signs of separation anxiety? How does your child manage in small and larger group instruction? Is your child displaying independence when it comes to dressing and washing up?

We recommend consulting with your child’s preschool teacher, daycare provider or other experienced professional who knows your child well. Your school district may also have resources available to assist you in your decision-making process.

Andrea Tahinos, Director

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Our Program:

The Glen Rock Community School's Transitional Kindergarten program is designed to address the needs of children who would benefit from an additional year to develop emotionally, socially, physically and/or academically before entering Kindergarten the following year. While socialization and learning through play are an important part of TK, we also follow curriculum that has been developed in collaboration with the education professionals in the Glen Rock School District:

- **Math** concepts through *Everyday Math*
- **Science** through *Weekly Reader* and hands-on experiments
- **Language Arts**, emphasizing phonics through *Fountas and Pinnell* and *Fundations*
- **Social Studies**, focusing on community helpers, holidays, cultures and class trips
- **Handwriting** *Without Tears*



Four field trips per year are planned with an academic premise. Children will also have opportunities for free play with manipulatives, centers and time outdoors. As appropriate for these students, emphasis is placed on fine and gross motor skill development. The certified teaching staff is assisted by an experienced teacher's aide.

Lunch:

Children eat lunch with their classmates each day. Families will have



the option to pack or purchase lunch through the Glen Rock School District's food service provider. Lunch is ordered on-line on a monthly basis. Additional information will be available prior to the start of classes.

Eligibility:

Children must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2018.

Enrollment:

To provide students with the best possible outcome, this is a limited enrollment program.

Registration:

Registration opens on Monday, March 19, 9 a.m. at the GRCS office in the front lobby of Glen Rock High School, 600 Harristown Road. Registration forms can be downloaded from the TK page of the community school website at grcsonline.com. Please bring the completed forms to registration along with a check, cash, MC or VISA. Enrollment will be ongoing during regular office hours until all available spaces are filled.



At registration, the first tuition installment is due along with a non-refundable registration fee. The remaining tuition is payable in 9 monthly installments by either credit card on our secure tuition-management site, or by check or cash.

Location:

Clara E. Coleman Elementary School
100 Pinelynn Rd.
Glen Rock

Schedule:

- We follow the Glen Rock Public Schools calendar, including all holidays and weather closures.
- Class meets 5 days per week, Monday-Friday
- 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Child Care:

TK families in need of child care are eligible for the School Age Child Care (SACC) program, which is also run by the community school. Coverage is provided from 7-8:30 a.m. and 3-6:30 p.m. for every day that school is in session. You will find information on that program, including fees and registration materials, on the SACC tab of the GRCS website. You may also contact our office at 201-389-5011.

Other GRCS Programs for Children

After School Enrichment

School Age Child Care Program

Ballet School

Private Instrument Lessons

Summer Play Camp for preschoolers

Busy Bee Summer Day Camps

STEM Camp

Theatre Camp

Sports Camps

