

Dear West Valley Family,

Do you have a child who has turned 5 years old since September 1 and is not currently in preschool?

Do you have a child who turned 5 prior to September but you wanted to wait a year to enter the student into Kindergarten?

Do you have a child who will turn 5 prior to Feb. 1, 2022 who is not currently in preschool?

The West Valley School District offers a program that will provide early learning for students who are not currently served by preschool. The program will provide a section of Transition Kindergarten, January through June, as a **free, full-day transition early learning experience**, called Transition Kindergarten, for children who are scheduled to enter Kindergarten in the fall.

The Transition Kindergarten program is a free, full-day program (8:55 am - 3:30 pm) located at Cottonwood Elementary. This program will focus on basic academic and social skills to help qualifying students get a Jump Start toward success in school.

The program will follow the school calendar, beginning on Friday, January 14, 2022 and ending on the last day of school, Friday, June 10, 2022. Families will need to provide transportation to/from school.

Priority for placement will be made based on qualifying application criteria (see enclosed).

The West Valley School District recently received national recognition for our work to ensure that students enter school “Kindergarten Ready.” The Transition Kindergarten program is a strategy to ensure that the District is doing everything possible to provide opportunities for all students to be successful in school.

If your child qualifies and you are interested in enrolling your child in the Transition Kindergarten program, please fill out the attached form and return it by Friday, December 10 to:

Michelle Siguenza, Principal
Cottonwood Elementary
1041 S. 96th Avenue
Yakima, WA 98908
FAX: 509-972-5521

Thank you for considering this early learning opportunity for your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent
West Valley School District #208

Transition Kindergarten - Qualifying Application

Due Fri, Dec. 10, 2021 by 4:00 pm at Cottonwood Elementary office

Child's Name	Date of Birth

Student must turn 5 years old prior to Feb. 1, 2022

Describe your child's current/prior early learning experience:

	Yes	No	Name of Center or Location
Private Child Care			
In-home Child Care			
Preschool			
Other?			

Income:

We believe we qualify for the West Valley School District Free/Reduced Meals Program.

Yes
 No
 Unsure

Language:

The language we speak at home is:

English
 Other _____

Contact Information:

Parent(s) Name	Address	Telephone

Family must reside in the West Valley School District