

Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Junior Kindergarten Program

This program is for those families who are exploring options prior to Kindergarten. Junior Kindergarten provides a state-funded, two-year Kindergarten experience for children.

The Folsom Cordova Unified School District Junior Kindergarten program will provide a supportive environment for your child and will focus on social and emotional development, physical and motor development, as well as academic skills needed to prepare your child for Kindergarten.

What is Junior Kindergarten?

Jr. Kindergarten is the first year of a two-year, state-funded Kindergarten experience for students. Research suggests that children greatly benefit from programs that address school readiness and Jr. Kindergarten will provide this opportunity for our students.

How do I know if my child should be enrolled in Junior Kindergarten instead of a regular one-year Kindergarten program?

While there is no perfect answer to this question, there is some information that might help you in making this decision. Our preschool and Kindergarten staff can provide opportunity for assessment prior to Jr. Kindergarten enrollment. Teachers may assess social/emotional skills as well as other Kindergarten-readiness areas so that you can be better informed in making the decision to enroll your child in Jr. Kindergarten.

How do I know if my child is eligible to be enrolled in Junior Kindergarten instead of a regular one-year Kindergarten program?

If your child will turn 5 by the current State Kindergarten cutoff date of November 1, 2012, your child is eligible for **either** the Jr. Kindergarten Program or a regular Kindergarten class. If your child will turn 5 by December 31, 2012, but after the current State Kindergarten cutoff date of November 1, 2012, your child is eligible for Jr. Kindergarten. If your child will turn 5 between January 1, 2013 and January 31, 2013, your child will be placed on a Jr. Kindergarten list based upon space availability.

Will there be additional childcare options for my child at the school site to accommodate parent schedules?

Yes! Our Student Care options will include all day options for our Jr. Kindergarten students.

Where, when, and how can I enroll my child in Jr. Kindergarten?

- Jr. Kindergarten is being offered at three of our district elementary schools:
 - *Blanche Sprentz Elementary School, 249 Flower Drive, Folsom (916) 985-3626*
 - *Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 2562 Chassella Way, Rancho Cordova (916) 363-4874*
 - *White Rock Elementary School, 10487 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova (916)363-9441*
- If your child will turn 5 by the current State Kindergarten cutoff date of November 1, 2012, please complete a Kindergarten registration packet and a Jr. Kindergarten Program Parent Request. Kindergarten registration packets will become available in the elementary school offices January, 2012 (please check with the Jr. Kindergarten school office staff for their Orientation dates) **and are due February 10, 2012.**
- If your child will turn 5 by December 31, 2012, but after the current State Kindergarten cutoff date of November 1, 2012, please complete a Kindergarten registration packet and a Jr. Kindergarten Program Parent Request.
- If your child will turn 5 between January 1, 2013 and January 31, 2013, your child will be placed on a Jr. Kindergarten list based upon space availability.
- When submitting your Parent Request to register for Jr. Kindergarten, you will need to provide proof of residency in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District (SMUD, PGE, escrow paperwork or rental agreement), your child's birth certificate, and your child's immunization records.
- You will be notified by the school office staff regarding your child's placement in the program.

We are very excited to offer this program to the families in our district and we will keep you updated as more information becomes available.