

# TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN



## What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a free program offered in L'Anse Creuse. TK is the first of a *two-year* kindergarten sequence. Students attend TK, followed by kindergarten the next school year.

TK was created for children who would benefit from an additional year of growth and development before attending kindergarten. This program allows our youngest learners extra time to grow academically, socially, and emotionally so they are fully prepared for kindergarten.

## Is Transitional Kindergarten right for my child? Is my child eligible?

The TK program offers an alternative for children who are not yet ready for traditional kindergarten. You may want to consider TK if any of the following apply to your child...

- Your child was born between **June 1 and December 1**
- Your child has **not attended preschool**
- Your child would **benefit from extra time**

## What happens in a TK classroom?

TK is a full-day program which teaches kindergarten standards with a focus on social/emotional development, oral language, fundamental literacy skills, and foundational math skills in a student-centered, active learning environment.

- **Classroom** – TK takes place in a separate classroom with a highly qualified LCPS teacher and has a lower class size than traditional kindergarten programs.
- **Specials Classes** – TK students participate in the same classes as all elementary students, including music, art, physical education, and Spanish.
- **Learning Environment** – TK students learn important foundational academic and social skills in a fun, yet challenging way. The TK experience will help them adjust to the elementary school environment and be fully prepared for kindergarten.



## Location & Transportation

**Where is the TK program located?** Depending on the interest/enrollment, TK programs will be offered at three elementary buildings, Higgins, Yacks, and Graham Elementary. After one year of TK, your child will return to his/her home school to attend to kindergarten.

### Will bus transportation be provided?

- TK students residing in school attendance areas of Atwood, Carkenord, Higgins and Green *MAY* receive transportation to Higgins.
- TK students residing in school attendance areas of Graham, Lobbestael, and South River *MAY* receive transportation to Graham.
- TK students residing in school attendance areas of Tenniswood and Yacks *MAY* receive transportation to Yacks.