



WEST BLOOMFIELD
SCHOOL DISTRICT



TK

Transitional Kindergarten

West Bloomfield School District offers Transitional Kindergarten in two locations

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a two-year Kindergarten program that provides a bridge between preschool and elementary school. TK gives young learners the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment tailored to their academic and social needs. It is not simply enriched preschool. TK is part of a two-year Kindergarten experience for any child who would benefit from the extended pace.

- Offered at Doherty Elementary and Gretchko Elementary Schools
- Taught by certified teachers
- Tuition-free
- Students must be 5 years old by September 1 to enroll
- Visit www.wbsd.org for more information

To register your child for Transitional Kindergarten, call or visit the school nearest you. **Program availability for fall 2018 will be determined by enrollment.**

TK... providing children the start they need to be confident learners in Kindergarten and beyond.

www.wbsd.org

248-865-6479

Doherty Elementary

Scott Long, Principal

3575 Walnut Lake Road

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

248-865-6020

Gretchko Elementary

Sally Drummond, Principal

5300 Greer Road

West Bloomfield, MI 48324

248-865-6570

FAQ'S

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Why was TK created?

There are benefits to giving a child an extra year to progress maturitywise. Development of physical abilities, patience and the ability to focus change greatly with age. TK gives a child the opportunity for that growth.

What is the minimum age for a child to enroll in Transitional Kindergarten?

The same age rules apply to Transitional Kindergarten as regular Kindergarten. That is, a child must be 5 years old by September 1 to enroll. In accordance with Michigan law, a child who will be 5 years old between September 1 and December 1 can enroll if the parents complete an age waiver form.

How is TK different from preschool or other child development programs for three- or four-year olds?

TK is not simply enriched preschool. TK is not simply a “young fives” program. It is part of West Bloomfield’s K-12 school system, and is the first year of a two-year Kindergarten experience. Students complete TK, then Kindergarten, then first grade and so on. TK is taught by certified teachers in our primary-focused schools, Gretchko and Doherty Elementary schools.

Is there a charge for Transitional Kindergarten?

No. As a part of the K-12 curriculum, TK is free to all enrollees.

How many students are in a TK classroom?

Generally, our TK classes are smaller than our Kindergarten classes, but the same class size targets apply.

How do I apply for Transitional Kindergarten?

There is no special application process for TK. West Bloomfield School District residents may enroll at the elementary school in their attendance area (Doherty or Gretchko Elementary). Parents are encouraged to attend the annual Kindergarten Round-Up, visit the school, or call the principal to learn more about TK and Kindergarten.

Enrollment may be available to other Oakland County residents under the **Schools of Choice** program. Go to www.wbsd.org>**Prospective Families** for information about Schools of Choice.