



**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**Transitional Kindergarten (TK) / Kindergarten Roundup
Planned for February 20, 2025, for Malibu Schools**
Preschool Enrollment Information Available

TK and Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at your neighborhood Malibu school.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) / Kindergarten Roundup, as the yearly event is called, is an opportunity for children entering TK or Kindergarten in Malibu for the upcoming year to meet the principal and teachers of their neighborhood school and begin the registration process for the 2025-26 school year.

Roundup time on Feb. 20 varies by school. Malibu Elementary is scheduled for 1:50 p.m. and Webster Elementary is at 9 a.m. See [flier](#) for more information.



The California Universal Prekindergarten Expansion now provides TK for every age-eligible child, making TK the entry level grade into public school. [Check the birthday guidelines for qualification.](#)

“Providing early learning opportunities in our Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District schools allow students the time and experiences to develop socially, emotionally, and cognitively, and to support them in becoming life-long learners,” said Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell, Director of Early Learning.

To serve our Malibu community, SMMUSD offers TK and kindergarten at Malibu Elementary School and preschool, TK and kindergarten at Webster Elementary School.

Visit the [SMMUSD new student enrollment webpage](#) for more information and to find your neighborhood school. Santa Monica schools held their roundup event in January. Information regarding enrollment for Santa Monica schools is available through the above link.

“Attending TK/K Round Up at your home school on Feb. 20 or visiting as soon as possible is critical. This will ensure families feel connected from the beginning and provides enough time for our district to make all necessary teacher, staffing, and materials adjustments prior to the start of school,” said Dr. Samarge-Powell.

Preschool Programs

The Child Development Services (CDS) department oversees programs serving preschool-age students throughout the district. In Malibu, the program includes an extended-day (6-hour) preschool at Webster Elementary School. The program is fee-based but financial assistance may be available for qualifying families.

As part of SMMUSD's Early Learning Pathway, all early learning programs are District-aligned, Reggio-inspired, and STEAM-enhanced. They provide families with a robust program to positively launch their child's early education experience. The early learning pathway's mission is to foster relationships between families, community, and educators, creating a seamless transition to elementary school.

For questions about SMMUSD preschool programs, please call the Child Development Services Office at 310-399-5865 or visit www.smmusd.org/cds.

For questions about TK or Kindergarten programs, please contact your neighborhood school.

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