

## Transitional Kindergarten (Jr. K) Update

Across the country, most states have established September 1<sup>st</sup> as their kindergarten entry date. California was one of the few states that had a December start date. Last year California enacted a new law, SB1381 which moved up the start day to September 1<sup>st</sup> through a multi-year phase-in period. Beginning in 2012, SB 1381 moves up the kindergarten entry date by one month per year through 2014.

School Year	Minimum day for admittance in kindergarten in California
2011-2012	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>
2012-2013	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
2013-2014	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
2014-2015	September 1 <sup>st</sup> *This becomes the new minimum age for each school year.

Through the phase-in period, school districts will provide a transitional two year kindergarten program for students who would otherwise have enrolled in kindergarten. The Auburn Union School District will provide their transitional kindergarten in their Jr. Kindergarten classes.

School Year	Eligibility for transitional kindergarten (Jr. K) if a child will have their 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday between:
2012-2013	November 2 and December 2
2013-2014	October 2 and December 2
2014-2015	September 2 and December 2

The Jr. K uses a kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate but is based on both Preschool Learning Foundation Standards and California kindergarten standards. This transitional program will build a foundation for school success. The instructional minutes for the transitional program (Jr. K) will be the same as the regular kindergarten program.

For further information please call the Auburn Union School District Office at 885-7242.