

Continuance Form Use in Transitional Kindergarten

A child who completes one year in a transitional kindergarten program shall continue in a kindergarten program for one additional year. A kindergarten continuance form is not needed for children who are required by age to be offered transitional kindergarten, i.e. for a child who has their fifth birthday between (EC 48000[c]):

- November 2 and December 2 for the 2012–13 school year.
- October 2 and December 2 for the 2013–14 school year.
- September 2 and December 2 for the 2014–15 school year and each school year thereafter.

However, the Kindergarten Continuance Form must be used for children whose birth-dates do not meet the required criteria for TK and who attend two years of kindergarten. In the 2012-13 school year, this form is not required for children turning 5 between November 2nd and December 2nd, but is required for all children who turn 5 between September 2nd and November 2nd and are placed in transitional kindergarten (i.e. in early implementation of all 3 years of TK eligibility). In the 2013-14 school year, this form will not be required for children enrolled in TK with birthdays between October 2nd and December 2nd.

Also, older children who would be age-eligible for Kindergarten and attend TK because of the child's developmental needs also need a Continuance Form.

The bottom line is that the children who the law says should be in TK this year don't need a Continuance Form, but anyone else who will have 2 years of K does.

The intent is to have parents sign in the spring when it is determined that the child should continue on into kindergarten. If the form is signed too early or not at all you may jeopardize your funding if you are audited. The “anniversary date” on the form is the child’s last day of TK (ie. June 15, 2013). And the date at the bottom reflects the child’s last day of kindergarten (ie. June 15, 2014 for a child entering TK in the 2012-2013 school year).