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**TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN/KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT POLICY**

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Sage Oak Charter Schools (“SOCS” or the “Charter School”) adopt this Transitional Kindergarten /Kindergarten Enrollment Policy to apply to all students in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten.

Transitional kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. A child who completes one year in a TK program, will continue in a kindergarten program for one additional year.

**Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Eligibility**

- In 2022–23, children are eligible for TK if they turn 5 years old between September 2 and February 2\*,
- In 2023–24, children are eligible for TK if they turn 5 between September 2 and April 2\*,
- In 2024–25, children are eligible for TK if they turn 5 between September 2 and June 2\*,
- In 2025–26, LEAs are required to make TK available to all children who will have their fourth birthday by September 1\* of the school year.

*\*Inclusive of these dates*

However, pursuant to EC Section 48000(c)(2)(A), a charter school may, at any time during a school year, if space is available, admit a child to a TK program who will have his or her fifth birthday after the TK eligibility cut-off dates listed above, but during that same school year if the charter school determines that the admittance is in the best interests of the child.

A Kindergarten Continuance Form is not needed for children who are age-eligible for TK

A student eligible for kindergarten may enroll in TK as long as they turn 5 years old between June 2 and September 1 and the parent/guardian must sign the Kindergarten Continuance Form. Students who turn 5 prior to June 2 must enroll in kindergarten.

**Private After School Programs**

Students enrolled in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten at SOCS may not use instructional funds provided by SOCS to enroll their students in private after school programs; however, the parents/guardians may opt to pay for private after school programs while their student is enrolled in either transitional kindergarten or kindergarten at SOCS so long as the parents/guardians:

1. Pay for the private after school program solely using their own funds; and,

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2. Complete the coursework required of all students enrolled in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten at SOCS while their student is actively enrolled in either transitional kindergarten or kindergarten.