



# Prekindergarten to Kindergarten Transition Tip Sheet

As kids move from PreK to Kindergarten, they hit a crucial milestone, with excitement and challenges for students and families alike. A thorough transition plan is essential for success, supporting children, families, and educators, **relevant for both district and community based organizations.**

## Year Long Best Practices

- Have a transition team in place including administrators, Prekindergarten teachers and Kindergarten teachers, and representatives.
  - Provide targeted ongoing professional development aligned for both Prekindergarten and Kindergarten teachers.
  - Ensure curriculum alignment from Prekindergarten to Kindergarten for consistency and coherence.

### ✓ Fall Ideas:

- Survey families about needs and types of family activities they would like to participate in
- Coordinate Prekindergarten to Kindergarten classroom visits and vice versa
  - Ensure continuity in vocabulary and classroom management systems
  - Discuss expectations

### ✓ Spring Ideas:

- Share student data between Prekindergarten and Kindergarten teachers
  - Formal and informal assessment data
  - Information on emergent multilingual learners
  - Accommodations for students with disabilities
- Host informational session(s) for transition to Kindergarten
  - Invite previous Prekindergarten families in to serve on a panel and share their experiences
- Allow and encourage multiple visits by Prekindergarten students to Kindergarten classrooms

### ✓ Summer Ideas:

- Host an open house event for families and students to visit their classroom for the upcoming year
- Share resources to aide families with the transition to a new school year

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