



Classroom Transitions Frequently Asked Questions

When do transitions occur at LAA?

Transitions from one classroom to another typically occur with small groups of children when openings in the next age group are available. There are also times when large groups of children will transition, like when LAA's GA Pre-k children leave for Kindergarten in August.

How does the center determine when a child will transition to the next age group?

Several factors help determine the timing. The main considerations are a child's age, the developmental readiness of the child, state licensing requirements and space availability in the next age group.

When does the transition process start and who will communicate about the transition to parents?

As your child approaches the readiness stage, the Center Director, Education Coordinator and your child's teacher will partner with you to determine if and when your child is ready to transition. Approximately, one month before a child moves to the next age group, parents will receive information verbally, followed by written letter from the Center Director with details about the new classroom, teacher names, and a proposed transition schedule.

What are the steps to transition once the written letter is received?

- The child's teacher will assist the family with an introduction to the new teacher and classroom.
- A meeting will be arranged with the child's new teacher to discuss information about the new classroom.
- The schedule will be confirmed for the transitioning child to spend time in the new classroom. Teachers and administrators may lengthen or shorten the transition time to allow for individual differences.

What if my child is ready to move to the next age group, but no space is available in the next age group?

This may happen when the center reaches full capacity in all classrooms. The center will make adjustments accordingly to the environment by adding equipment, toys and materials appropriate for the developmental stage of the children in the classroom as well as adjust the activities and educational programming as appropriate. Families will be kept informed of the anticipated transition/availability dates.