

Questions And Answers On Torrance Elementary School Classes Given

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A census is being taken of the children who will attend Torrance elementary school this September. This census will obtain accurate figures on the number of children per grade so that school authorities may be sure to have the right number of teachers, texts, desks, tables and educational supplies. During the friendly interviews with the Torrance parents many questions have been asked about the schools. We believe that these questions and their answers might prove helpful to all the parents. The answers to the following questions were obtained from the Torrance City school administration.

Question: Will there be half-day sessions because of crowded conditions like there were last year?

Answer: No, there is enough room to take care of all children on a full-time schedule without crowding the classrooms.

Question: The paper listed many more children at Torrance elementary school than at Fern avenue school. Does this mean that Torrance elementary will be crowded?

Answer: No, Torrance elementary is a larger building and will accommodate more pupils without crowding.

Question: If my children have been going to Fern avenue school do they change schools because the boundary has been changed?

Answer: In some areas the boundary between Fern avenue school and Torrance elementary school was changed to balance the enrollment of the schools and to give equal educational opportunities to all the pupils in Torrance. The administration is asking that all children register at the school to which they have been assigned by attendance zones. Children easily form new loyalties and new friends. They are usually quite happy at the end of the first week of school in their new school home.

Question: If my child attends



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the Day Care center at Torrance elementary for a half-day, may we enter him in the Torrance elementary kindergarten for the other half-day even though we do not live in the Torrance elementary area?

Answer: Yes, any kindergarten pupil in the Torrance schools may register in the Torrance elementary school kindergarten if he attends the Day Care center for some other part of the day.

Question: If my pre-school child attends the nursery school at Torrance elementary, may my school age child attend the Torrance elementary even though we live in Fern avenue school area?

Answer: No, each school age child is asked to attend the school located in his attendance zone sub-district, except in the kindergarten-day care arrangement as explained above.

Question: Will my kindergarten child attend the morning or afternoon session?

Answer: Generally, the younger children will be assigned to the morning session from 9:00 a. m. till 12:00. The older five-year-olds, particularly those who have had a semester of kindergarten, will be assigned the afternoon session from 12:30 till 3:30. However, the school will attempt to meet parent preferences.

Question: Will there be crossing guards at dangerous intersections?

Answer: Yes, the school administration has worked out with Chief of Police John Stroh a plan to place crossing guards at the following intersections:

1. Crenshaw blvd. and Torrance blvd.
2. Arlington blvd. and Torrance blvd.
3. Plaza del Amo and Arlington blvd. (there is a posted stop at Arlington and 220th st.)
4. Carson and Martina ave.
5. Waltheria and highway 101.

This plan continues the same protection of last year and adds one more crossing guard.

Question: Will children living some distance from a school be provided with bus transportation?

Answer: Yes, the opening and closing time for the primary intermediate and junior high children has been staggered so that three school buses purchased by the district can each make three trips in the morning and three

trips after the close of school in the afternoon.

Question: We live in Los Angeles "Shoestring strip." Can we continue to send our children to the Torrance schools?

Answer: No, only by paying the full tuition cost of approximately \$200 a year per child can children outside the Torrance city limits attend the Torrance city schools. The Torrance schools cannot collect tax money for children living in some other school district.

Question: Will there be mid-year classes such as A-1, A-2, A-3

etc., and if not, to what classes will these pupils be assigned?

Answer: Mid-year classes are to be discontinued. Most educators believe that mid-year classes do not benefit the pupils as much as fall classes. Mid-year promotions are generally being done away with throughout the United States. Even the large cities of Seattle and Portland have gone on the basis of yearly promotions. In all Torrance schools the pupils in the "A" classes will either be promoted to the next grade or retained in the fall class. The teacher and

principal will study each pupil's school record, his test scores given during the first week of school, his ability, his health and physical maturity, his age-grade placement, his social-emotional development and other factors. Upon the basis of this information a recommendation will be made to the parents for placement in the grade where each pupil will receive the greatest benefit. The final decision will rest with the parents.

Question: What will happen to the children who have been at-

tending the Torrance Elementary Development center?

Answer: These pupils will be assigned to the regular grade that is indicated on their report cards. Remedial work and individual attention will be given to them by the classroom teacher. If further adjustment seems desirable this can be worked out in conference with the parents, teacher and principal.

Question: Will the schools have a school nurse?

Answer: Yes, the school nurse will follow up on the findings of the medical examinations given

by the school doctor. She will inspect for skin trouble and other contagious diseases. If parents will complete the doctor's previous recommendation in regard to tonsils, teeth and glasses during the remainder of the summer it will avoid absence from school and improve the quality of school work after school starts.

Question: Will there be a cafeteria at Torrance elementary school?

Answer: No, the Los Angeles schools removed the stoves, refrigeration, dishes and other equipment. As soon as the cafeteria can be re-equipped, service will be resumed. However, ice cream and milk will be sold to supplement the lunches brought from home.

Question: When does school start?

Answer: Monday, Sept. 15. It is especially important that children enroll the first day because of the testing program the first week.

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