

First 5 San Joaquin

Bridge Fact Sheet



Young children's social and emotional skills contribute to their ability to learn as they enter kindergarten, setting the foundation for long-term academic and economic success. However, many young children—particularly those with limited access to resources—may not have the opportunities or experiences to develop key school readiness skills. Since 2005, First 5 San Joaquin has invested in kindergarten bridge programs to support children in transitioning successfully to school and building a foundation for academic success.

Kindergarten Bridge Programs At-A-Glance



Focused on developing children's school readiness skills and increasing parent engagement

Held on the campus of an elementary school for three hours per day for five days

Gave priority to children with little to no prior preschool experience

Offered activities aligned with Common Core

Kindergarten Bridge Programs by Agency



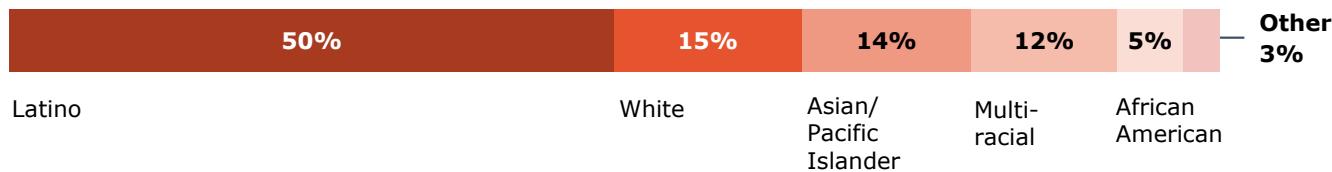
In 2016 and 2017, kindergarten bridge programs were offered at 35 elementary school sites in San Joaquin County.



Agency	# sites 2016	# sites 2017
Manteca Unified School District	11	12
San Joaquin County Office of Education	7	8
Lodi Unified School District	8	7
Stockton Unified School District	8	7
Tracy Unified School District	1	1

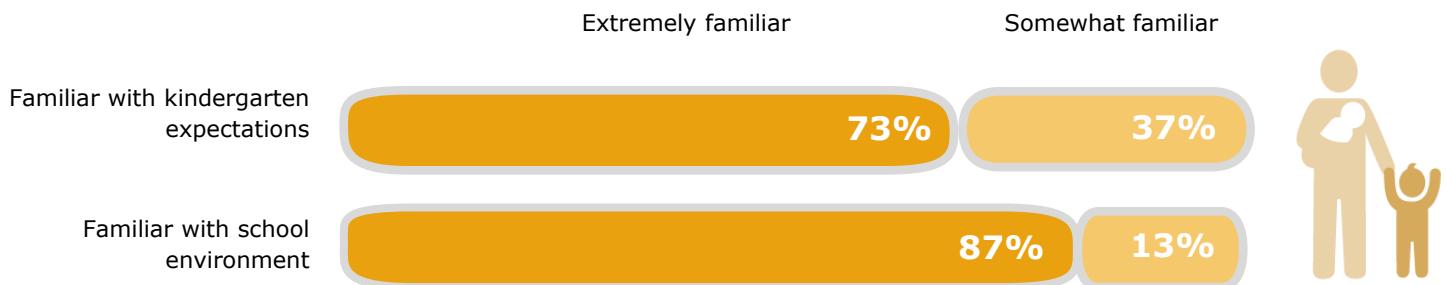
Children Served Were Ethnically Diverse

1,656 children participated in kindergarten bridge programs
(2016: **940**, 2017: **716**)



Bridge Programs Helped Prepare Children for School

Teachers reported that children were familiar with kindergarten expectations and the school environment (n=109-111)



Parents Engaged in Kindergarten Preparation

Bridge programs engaged parents in kindergarten preparation (n=1,288-1,446)

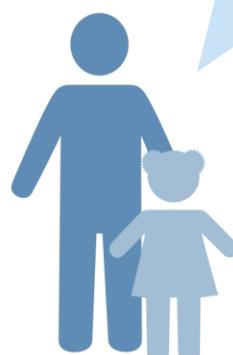


"The bridge program helped me prepare and introduce my child to the school and for her to have the initial feel without having the shock of a new environment and new routine."

-Bridge program parent

Bridge Programs Offered an Accessible Environment

Bridge programs were respectful of parents' language and culture (n=574-582)



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