

 San Jose East



Kidango Dorsa Center
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Hours and Days of Operation	7:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday
Ages Accepted	2.9 – 5 years
Number of Spaces	20
Ability to accept children with Special Needs?	Yes
Teacher to Child Ratio	1:8
Staff/Employee Qualifications	Teaching credentials and children's center permits. All have early care education units and are CPR, First Aid and Infectious Disease certified.
Languages spoken by staff other than English	Spanish
Average Rate of Vacancies	Wait list changes daily. Based on center openings and income/size of family.
Wait List	Yes
Average Time of Wait	It varies. It is based on family income and size. Greatest need is enrolled first.
Fees/Costs	State subsidies based on Sliding Fee Scale. For full fee families it is based on number of days attending per week.
Subsidies Accepted	Yes.
Curriculum Implemented	Emergent Curriculum. Emergent curriculum is child centered, developmentally appropriate and individualized to each child's needs. Lesson plans are based on the interests of the children and combine aspects of pre-literacy, pre-math, art, and dramatic play.
Kindergarten-Readiness Assessment Method Used	Desired Results
Philosophy/Statement	The philosophy at Kidango is based on the belief that each child deserves an opportunity for total development. Each child comes to the program with certain strengths that should be expanded upon and reinforced.
Feeder Elementary Schools	Dorsa Elementary
Young Explorer Computer on-site	Yes
How parents are involved in children's care and learning	Parents with children enrolled participate in the classroom or help with the preparation of classroom activities and curriculum. Parents are also required to attend Parent Advisory Committee meetings to discuss ways to further advance their child's development.
Family Services Support Coordinator	
Co-located Service Clinics	Head Start
Additional Features/Services	All meals and snacks are provided at no extra cost through Kidango's nutrition program.