

# **Transitional Kindergarten Professional Learning Resources**

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**Sacramento County Office of Education**

# What is the Impact of SB 876 on TK Requirements?

Pursuant to *EC 48000(g)*, a school district/charter school shall ensure that credentialed teachers who are first assigned to a TK classroom after 7/1/15, have, by August 1, 2020, one of the following:

1. At least 24 units in early childhood education, or childhood development, or both
2. As determined by the local educational agency (LEA) employing the teacher, professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described in #1
3. A child development teacher permit issued by the CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing

# What is the Impact of SB 876 on TK Requirements? (cont.)

Any current credentialed teacher who is or was assigned to teach TK, or a combination class of kindergarten and TK, **on or before** 7/1/15, is “grandfathered in” to teach TK without having to meet additional requirements

Any credentialed teacher assigned to teach TK, or a combination class of kindergarten and TK, **after** 7/1/15, will have until August 1, 2020, to meet the above-mentioned education requirements

*EC 48000(f)* also states:

“It is the intent of the Legislature that transitional kindergarten curriculum be aligned to the California Preschool Learning Foundations developed by the department.”

# Existing Resources to Support Transitional Kindergarten Implementation



# California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend (CTKS)

- 2014 State Budget - \$15 million allocated to CDE to be used to fund professional development stipends for teachers, to be administered by local planning councils
  - First priority shall be for professional development stipends for transitional kindergarten teachers
  - Professional development stipends shall include, but shall not be limited to, stipends for credentialed teachers to complete at least 24 units in ECE or CD
  - Second priority shall be for professional development stipends for teachers in the California state preschool program for the costs of credit bearing coursework in ECE/CD



# California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend (CTKS)

## CTKS Program Highlights

- TK teachers can be reimbursed for actual educational and professional development expenses up to \$6,000 for the duration of the grant, as funds allow.
- Eligible reimbursements include:
  1. Tuition reimbursement for transitional kindergarten teachers to complete ECE/CD college coursework;
  2. Continuing education units in ECE/CD, official transcripts that prove the required accredited college units;
  3. Registration costs; and
  4. Textbooks for ECE/CD college coursework
- CTKS funds are available until June 30, 2017, or the funds are expended.

For more information visit the Sacramento County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council web site at [www.sac-lpc.org](http://www.sac-lpc.org) or contact Kelli Newman at [kelli.newman@childaction.org](mailto:kelli.newman@childaction.org)

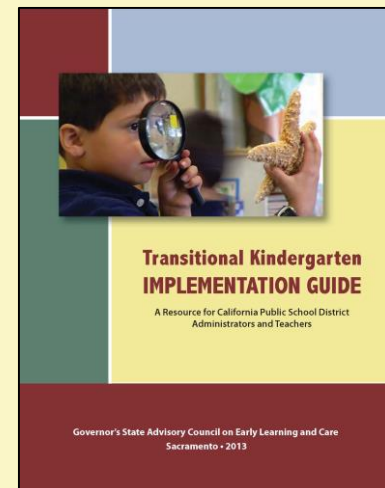
# Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Guide

## Organization

**Section 1:** Planning for Implementation  
(Chapter 1)

**Section 2:** Building a Comprehensive TK Program  
(Chapters 2 – 8)

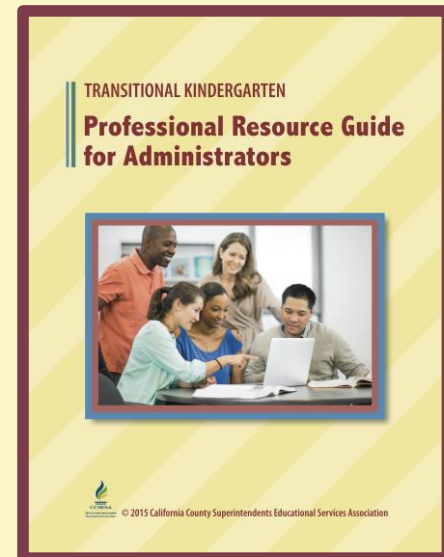
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/documents/tkguide.pdf>



# TK Professional Resource Guide for Administrators

- Developmentally Appropriate Teaching and Learning
- Professional Development and Articulation
  - Developmental Continuum of Learning
  - Differentiated Instruction: Effective Instruction for All Students
  - TK Learning Environment
- Family and Community Engagement
- TK Policy, Reports, and Resources

<http://ccsesa.org/new-release-the-2015-tk-planning-guide/>





# CA State University

## TK Modules Supporting Young Learners

- Child Development
- English Learners
- Inclusion
- Overview of Literacy/ Topics in Early Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- The Arts

[http://teachingcommons.cdl.edu/tk/modules\\_teachers/index.html](http://teachingcommons.cdl.edu/tk/modules_teachers/index.html)

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### Transitional Kindergarten Modules Supporting Young Learners

CSU Transitional Kindergarten Pre-Service Preparation Project  
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The eight CSU Transitional Kindergarten Modules address the range of content areas and are designed to prepare preservice teachers for TK classrooms, including activities that deepen understanding of the integrated Elements: developmentally appropriate practice, the role of environment, curriculum integration and assessment, a focus on families and communities, differentiation and inclusion, and diversity are just some of the features that enhance the pedagogical richness of these modules.

Created by CSU Fullerton faculty specifically for use in university courses, the TK modules enhance how multiple subject credential programs currently address early education. They provide an arena for teacher candidates to actively engage with high-quality instructional materials, standards, videos, readings, and leaders in the field. The modules also connect faculty and preservice teachers to useful professional and state documents that have been specifically crafted to guide educators as they develop their respective TK programs.

Each module guide describes the learning activities and provides a time frame for completion. Individual activities range from five minutes to one hour.

# **New Resources to Support Transitional Kindergarten Implementation**



# CA Department of Education New Transitional Kindergarten Professional Learning Opportunities

- 2014 State Budget - \$10 million allocated to CDE to be used for other professional learning projects for TK, including, professional learning that strengthens teacher knowledge of the California Preschool Learning Foundations.

# CA Community College

## TK Courses

- 24 units in ECE focused on TK:
  - *Preschool Learning Foundations*
  - Preschool and Early Primary Age Development
  - TK and Early Primary Teaching Principles and Practices
  - Assessment and Documentation Tools, Methods, and Strategies
  - Strategies for Working with Challenging Behaviors

# CA Department of Education

## TK Professional Learning Modules

- Online TK Modules
  - Overview of Transitional Kindergarten for Administrators
  - Social-Emotional Development
  - English Language Arts
  - English Language Development
  - Mathematics

# CA Department of Education TK Professional Learning Modules

- In-person TK Modules

- Social-Emotional Development
- Language and Literacy/English Language Arts
- English Language Development
- Mathematics
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Physical Development
- Health
- History-Social Science
- Science



- Conducted by the California Preschool Instructional Network

# CDE Publications and Resources that Support TK Implementation

