

# PK – 3 Credentials Workshop

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# Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Transitional Kindergarten
- Transitional Kindergarten Qualification Options
- Earning an authorization for TK
- Resources
- Questions or Comments

# Who is currently authorized to teach Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?



# Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Transitional Kindergarten teachers must possess a teaching credential, just like kindergarten teachers

Credentials that authorize services are:

Kindergarten-Primary	Specialist Instruction in Early Childhood Ed
Elementary (grades K through 8)	Multiple Subject – <b>GELAP</b>
Early Childhood (preschool through grade 3)	Multiple Subject – <b>STSP</b>
Multiple Subject (preschool, K – 12 and adults)	Multiple Subject - <b>PIP</b>
Multiple Subject University <b>Intern</b>	<b>Emergency</b> Transitional Kindergarten (ETK) <b>Permit</b>

# Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is part of the K-12 public school system and is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate

TK is NOT considered a preschool program and must be taught by an educator who holds a credential that authorized kindergarten

Children who are in a TK move on to Kindergarten class the following school year

## CDE's Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Education Code section 48000(g) requires credentialed teachers who are first assigned to a TK classroom **after July 1, 2015**, to have one of the following by **August 1, 2023**:

- At least 24 units in Early Childhood, child development, or both
- Professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children comparable to the 24 units of education described in Bullet 1
- Child Development Teacher Permit issued by the CTC

Any teacher who is or was assigned to teach TK, or a combination of kindergarten and TK, on or before *July 1, 2015*, is “grandfathered in” to teach TK

# Special Education Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

- Education Specialist Instruction Credential holders can teach the first year of a two-year kindergarten program in special education classes. They are NOT authorized to teach traditional TK because they are not authorized to teach GENERAL education students.

If teaching in a Special Education setting, educators are authorized to teach.

- The older Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) credential does not authorize Special Ed TK because this document does not authorize Kindergarten.

Can apply for “Bridge” document to add Kindergarten



# TK Special Education

## Early Childhood Special Education Credential (ECSE)

- Current credential holders are NOT eligible to teach TK special education
- Current credential seekers (as of July 2022) ARE eligible for TK

Education Specialist Credential - If Kinder is authorized, then eligible to teach TK Special Education because TK is now the 1st year of a 2-year Kinder program (can not teach TK General Education)



# TK Special Education

## Early Childhood Special Education Credential (ECSE)

Current ECSE credential holders can upgrade to the new ECSE authorization that allows teaching TK and Kindergarten.

- Verify that they have met the new Teaching Performance Expectation (TPE) content to apply for the expanded ECSE authorization. Verified by completion of one of the following:
  - coursework
  - professional development
  - demonstrated competence and experience
    - An employer, preparation program, or SELPA can verify completion of the content.
- Available as of January 1, 2023

# What are the Teaching Qualification Options?

# TK Teacher Qualifications - Overview

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Bachelor's Degree



Multiple Subject Credential



Early Childhood/Child Development  
Courses

*(if school/districts is using TK funding  
apportionment)*

PK-3 Credential  
Estimated to begin  
in 2023-2024

# Earn a Multiple Subject Credential:

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## Education

- Bachelor's degree
- Credential program

## Testing

- Basic Skills Requirement (CBEST or alternative option)
- CSET or degree in Liberal Studies
- TPA
- RICA

## Pathway

- BA + credential program
- Traditional post-BA credential
- Intern Program (BA must be complete)

## Add:

24 CD/ECE units to teach PK or TK for schools/districts using TK funding apportionment

# Earn a P-3 credential (not yet available):

## Education:

- Bachelor's degree
- Credential program

## Testing:

- CBEST (Basic Skills Requirement) - NO
- CSET - NO....**instead**
  - 24 CD/ECE units  
OR
  - BA in Child Development or Early Childhood Education
- Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA)
- Reading Competence (RICA)

## Pathway

- BA + credential program - **unknown**
- Traditional post-BA credential - **coming**
- Intern Program - **coming**

# PK-3 Specialist Authorization Statement

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- This credential authorizes the holder to teach all subjects in a self-contained general education classroom setting and to team teach or to regroup students across classrooms, in preschool through grade three.
- The English Learner (EL) authorization provided through this credential aligns with the EL authorization that is earned upon completion of a Single, Multiple, or Education Specialist teaching program.
- Eligible to add Bilingual Authorization



# Clinical Practice Requirements

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- Candidates must complete 600 hours of clinical practice split into two different settings:
  - 200 hours Preschool (PK) or TK setting
  - 200 hours in K-3 setting
  - 200 hours in setting of choice (PK-3)
- Programs must waive at least 200 hours of PK-TK clinical practice for candidates with 6+ years of ECE Teaching Experience
  - Programs may waive up to an additional 200 hours of PK/TK clinical practice experience at their discretion

# “I Hold a Multiple Subject Credential”:

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## Option 1

24 CD/ECE units to teach  
P-3 (includes TK)

## Option 2

Child Development Teacher  
Permit

OR

Early Childhood Education  
Specialist credential

*(Previously issued credential - different than  
the new PK-3 Early Childhood Education  
Specialist Instruction Credential – can no  
longer be obtain but educators may still renew  
if they have it)*

## Option 3

Professional experience  
in a classroom setting  
with preschool age  
children comparable to  
24 CD/ECE units  
*(as determined by  
employing agency)*

**Applicable only for schools/districts using TK funding apportionment**

# Site Supervisor Permit - School Age Emphasis

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One child development permit option for Multiple Subject (MS) Credential holders

- Bachelor's Degree or higher
- Supervised Field Experience class (student teaching from MS credential program)
- 12 Semester Unit of Coursework (6 from MS credential Program and 6 in Child Development)

PRO: Fewer units required

CON: Must renew permit every five years

# “I Have a BA and 24 ECE Units”

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P-3 credential (24 ECE units satisfies the subject matter requirement)

**OR**

Multiple Subject credential (need CSET or BA in Liberal Studies)

\*Effective July 1, 2022 - An **employer-driven** emergency permit/authorization Emergency Specialist Teaching Permit in Early Childhood Education is possible.

# Pros and Cons:

## Multiple Subjects Credential:

- Available now
- Requires CSET or BA in Liberal Studies
- Requires CBEST or applicable coursework
- Allow you to teach more grade levels

## P-3 Credential:

- **Not yet available**
- 24 ECE units or experience instead of CSET
- CBEST not required
- Only allowed to teach in lower grades
- 6 or more years of field experience shortens clinical practice requirement



# Early Childhood/Child Development Units

- Any regionally accredited community college or university
- Course must be labeled as being an Early Childhood or Child Development course
  - Ex: CHIL101 Human Growth and Development (*Mesa*)
  - Ex: ECE 210 Child, Family, School and Community (*NU*)
- **Note:** *Montessori school coursework/experience is not applicable*
  - *CEU units are not applicable*
  - *SDCOE does not advise on course registration*



# Emergency TK Permit

## [Emergency Transitional Kindergarten Permit \(ETK\) FAQs](#)

Effective July 1, 2022 - Emergency Transitional Kindergarten (ETK) Permit (aka: Emergency Specialist Teaching Permit in Early Childhood Education)

- Only available at the request of employing agency
- [CL-908 Form](#) – Verification of Requirements for the Emergency Transitional Kindergarten (ETK) permit

# Emergency TK Permit

## Emergency Transitional Kindergarten (ETK) Permit Requirements:

- BA or higher from regionally accredited college or university
- Possess a valid Child Development Teacher Permit or higher
- Satisfy one of the following:
  - 24 semester units in Child Development or ECE
  - Possession of a BA or higher degree in CD or ECE
  - Beginning July 1, 2023, must have 3 or more years of FT teaching in TK setting or preschool/CD program or combo

# Credential Information and Friendly Reminders

# TK Resources

San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE)

[TK Teaching Requirements Info Flyer](#)

[PK-3 and Transitional Kindergarten \(TK\) FAQ's](#)

[Educator Pathways TK and Early Learning](#)

CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)

[Transitional Kindergarten Assignment Info](#)

California Department of Education (CDE)

[Transitional Kindergarten FAQ's](#)

[Universal Prekindergarten \(UPK\) FAQ's](#)

# Questions

- For Child Development Permit and Credential related questions, email [credentials@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:credentials@ctc.ca.gov)
- For General ECE related questions, email [ECE@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:ECE@ctc.ca.gov)
- For questions relating to the implementation of UPK in schools and districts, refer to <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp>

# QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR TOPICS



Thank you  
for  
attending!