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:

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<th>Specialist Instruction in Early Childhood Ed</th>
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<td>Elementary (grades K through 8)</td>
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Permit
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

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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<td>● CSET or degree in Liberal Studies</td>
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<td>● TPA</td>
<td>● Intern Program (BA must be complete)</td>
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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):**

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<td>● CBEST (Basic Skills Requirement) - NO</td>
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<td>● CSET - NO.....<strong>instead</strong></td>
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<td>○ 24 CD/ECE units OR</td>
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PK-3 Specialist Authorization Statement

- 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

- 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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<td>24 CD/ECE units to teach P-3 (includes TK)</td>
<td>Child Development Teacher Permit OR Early Childhood Education Specialist credential <em>(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)</em></td>
<td>Professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children comparable to 24 CD/ECE units <em>(as determined by employing agency)</em></td>
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Applicable only for schools/districts using TK funding apportionment
Site Supervisor Permit - School Age Emphasis

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”

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
• For General ECE related questions, email 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!