



California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend (CTKS) Incentive Program

The 2014 - 2015 California Budget Act determined that lead teachers placed in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classrooms after July 1, 2015, must have a minimum of 24 Early Childhood Education (ECE) credits, or a Child Development Teacher Permit, or comparable professional experience.

Additionally, after July 1, 2015, all TK classrooms would be required to align their curriculum to the CA Preschool Learning Foundations and Frameworks. While current TK teachers are "grandfathered in", any TK teachers hired after July 1, 2015, will have 5 years to meet the above requirements.

The 2014 - 2015 Budget Education Act allotted \$15 million for Local Planning Councils (LPC) to support these teacher educational incentives. This one-time funding allocation makes it possible for TK teachers to receive incentives for educational costs linked to the new educational requirements for TK educators. Local Planning Councils are charged with disbursing funding through a local model that meets the needs of TK teachers across school districts within the county.

The CTKS Incentive Program will continue through March 31, 2019 unless stipend funds are exhausted before that date.

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