



Effective September 1, 2017 the Consortium for Early Learning Services will be aligning the California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend (CTKS) Program allocations with the AB 212 Retention Stipend allocations that were approved by the Local Planning Council (LPC) in July 2017. Funding levels for the CTKS program are diminishing at a faster rate than anticipated and we want to ensure that newly assigned Transitional Kindergarten teachers are afforded the opportunity for financial assistance to complete the required 24 units of ECE through June 2019 (this is when the program sunsets).

Additionally, stipends for the Professional Growth hours are being eliminated as part of the CTKS Program. The stipend for professional growth activities was created to assist AB 212 Retention Stipend participants earn the required 105 hours of training to renew their CCTC Child Development Permits. When the CTKS Program was established in Riverside County the Professional Growth Stipend was added as part of the alignment with the AB 212 Stipend Program. However, TK teachers do not need professional growth with a credential. Therefore, the funding allocated for this stipend will be added to the stipend funding for the required college coursework.

Please note, any current Transitional Kindergarten teacher enrolled in the CTKS program prior to September 1, 2017, will be awarded stipends according the program guidelines created in January 2015, including Professional Growth stipends, through June 2018.

Please contact the Consortium office at (951) 778-5003 for further clarification.

Thank you.