

California Transitional Kindergarten/California State Preschool Program (CTKS) Coursework and Professional Development Reimbursement Program Timeline

Budget Act of 2014 / Senate Bill 876 declared:

Any credentialed teacher assigned to teach Transitional Kindergarten (TK), or a combination class of kindergarten and TK, after July 1, 2015, will have until August 1, 2020, to obtain 24 units in early childhood education or child development or both unless the LEA determines that the teacher has professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool-age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education or a child development permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. These new requirements pertain to both school districts as well as charter schools. Any TK teacher who is or was assigned to teach TK, or a combination class of kindergarten and TK, before July 1, 2015 is “grandfathered in” to teach TK without having to meet additional requirements.

March 2015:

Funds are released to Local Planning Councils (LPCs) for the distribution of educational and professional development* reimbursements to TK and California State Preschool Program (CSPP) teachers. In Kern County, the funds will be disbursed through the Early Childhood Council of Kern under the auspice of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office.

April 2015:

Reimbursement applications are released by the Early Childhood Council of Kern.

March 31, 2019:

Funds are to be fully expended

*Reimbursements can be provided for coursework and professional development training completed between July 1, 2014 and January 31, 2019. Courses must be taken through an accredited college/university (online and/or face-to-face).

Applications and more information can be obtained from the Early Childhood Council of Kern: 661/861-5274 or on the website at www.earlychildhoodkern.org

Coursework in early childhood education and/or child development (partial listing):

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- Bakersfield College – <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/child-dev>
- Brandman School of Extended Education - <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=681f4b1f-0651-4c2e-a739-15e010125a7b&c=55908b60-fdbd-11e4-9616-d4ae52a4597c&ch=56014e90-fdbd-11e4-961b-d4ae52a4597c>
- Cerro Coso Community College – <https://www.cerrocoso.edu/programs/early-childhood-education-transfer>
- Porterville College – <https://www.portervillecollege.edu/node/67>
- Taft College – http://web.taftcollege.edu/tcwp/departments/?page_id=26
- California State University, Bakersfield – http://www.csub.edu/sse/teacher_education/index.html
- Fresno Pacific University – <http://fresno.leadpages.net/ece/>
- University of La Verne - <http://laverne.edu/transitional-kindergarten/>

Organizations providing professional development opportunities (partial listing):

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- California Early Childhood Online - <http://www.caearlychildhoodonline.org/>
- California Preschool Instructional Network/KCSOS - <http://cpin.us/regions/08>
- Community Connection for Child Care –
<http://kern.org/cccc/quality-child-care-training-opportunities/>
- Early Childhood Council of Kern -
<http://wwwstatic.kern.org/gems/eccouncil/PGCalendar714to615.pdf>
- Kern Association for the Education of Young Children -
<https://sites.google.com/site/kernaeyc/home>
- TK California - <http://www.tkcalifornia.org/learn-with-us/professional-development.html>