




# Transitional Kindergarten Module Handout

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**Assignment Monitoring:  
Transitional Kindergarten Module**



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**Module Outline**

- Definition of the TK Classroom
- Credentials that Authorize Teaching TK
- Special Student Populations in TK
- Credential Requirements vs. Funding Requirements




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**What is the Definition of Transitional Kindergarten?**



EC §48000(d) provides the definition for TK as the "...first year of a two-year kindergarten program..."



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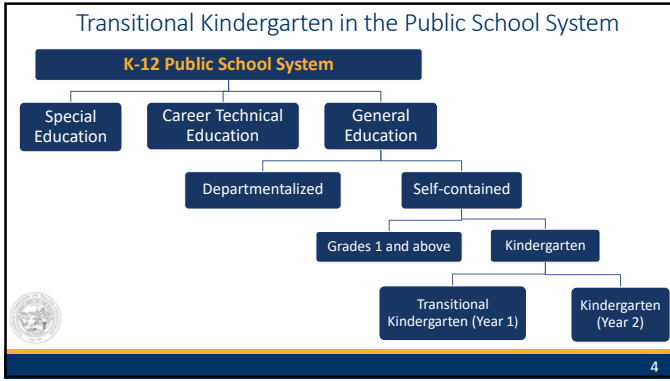
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### Currently-Issued Documents that Authorize Teaching a Self-Contained TK Class

<p>Authorizes the holder to teach all subjects in a self-contained class</p>	<p><b>Multiple Subject Teaching Credential</b>          Preliminary and Clear          University Intern Document          District Intern Document (TK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)</p>
	<p><b>PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential</b>          Preliminary and Clear          University Intern Document          District Intern Document</p>

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### Previously-Issued Credentials That Authorize Teaching TK

Standard Elementary Teaching Credential	
General Elementary Teaching Credential	
Standard Early Childhood Education Teaching Credential	
General Kindergarten-Primary Teaching Credential	

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### Documents That Do **Not** Authorize Teaching a Self-Contained TK Class

#### Child Development Permits

Authorize providing the following services to children in child care and development programs:

- Care
- Development
- Instruction

Designed for individuals working with children ages 5 and below



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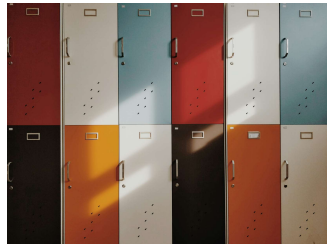
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### Documents That Do **Not** Authorize Teaching a Self-Contained TK Class

#### Single Subject Teaching Credentials

Authorize providing instruction in a departmentalized class

Limited to the subject listed on the document



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### Special Education Transitional Kindergarten

Special Education credentials authorize the holder to teach *any* academic content in a **special education classroom** (including TK) if the authorization aligns with:

- Disability area(s) of the students
- Grades/Ages of the students
- Level of support needs of the students



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### Early Childhood SPED Authorizations

**"Expanded" Early Childhood SPED Documents, initially issued in 2022:**  
Authorize teaching SPED TK students

- Credential: Birth - Kindergarten
- Added Auth: Birth - Kindergarten
- Bridge Doc: Birth - Kindergarten

**Early Childhood SPED Documents, issued under previous regulations:**  
Do **NOT** authorize teaching SPED TK students

- Credential: Birth – Pre-Kindergarten
- Added Auth: Birth – Pre-Kindergarten



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### English Learners (ELs) in TK Classrooms

- If one or more students in the class are designated as requiring EL services, then the educator must provide EL services
- Educator must hold an EL authorization that aligns with the required level of EL services

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### A TK teacher is misassigned – how can the misassignment be corrected?

Ms. Perez is assigned to teach in a TK classroom. She holds a Child Development Teacher Permit and has also passed all but one of the subject matter examinations to earn the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. What are her options?




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### Emergency Permits Available to Employing Agency:

- Provisional Internship Permit (PIP)
- Short Term Staff Permit (STSP)
- Emergency Specialist Teaching Permit in Early Childhood Education



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### Options Available for Fully Credentialed Educators to Become Authorized to Teach TK

Additional Credential

- Must hold a valid general education teaching credential

Local Assignment Option (LAO)

- Used solely at the discretion of the LEA
- Review statutory/regulatory language

General Education Limited Assignment Permit (GELAP)

- Educator must hold a valid general education teaching credential

Short Term Waiver

- Review regulatory requirements
- Issued one time for any individual



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### Other Available Options to Become Authorized to Teach TK

Intern Credential

- Educator must be Intern eligible
- Program recommends educator for document

Provisional Internship Permit (PIP)

- For educators who have not yet met the subject matter requirement

Short Term Staff Permit (STSP)

- An educator may be issued only one STSP in their lifetime

Emergency Specialist Teaching Permit in Early Childhood Education

- Educator must hold a Child Development Teacher Permit.

Variable Term Waiver

- Waives certain sections of statute or regulation
- Specific criteria must be met



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### Emergency Specialist Teaching Permit in Early Childhood Education (ETK Permit)

- Authorizes teaching in a self-contained general education TK classroom.
- Issued with an English Learner Authorization (for Designated and Integrated ELD).
- Employing agency must request.
- For additional information, refer to the ETK FAQs webpage.



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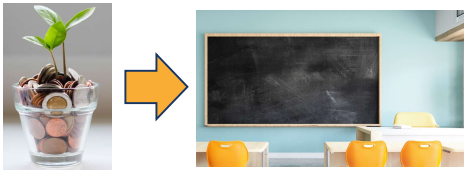
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### Apportionment Requirements

- EC §48000(g) outlines apportionment requirements for TK
- Funding is under the purview of the California Department of Education



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