



CREDENTIAL UPDATE

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Notice of Credentialing Requirements for Transitional Kindergarten Programs Senate Bill (SB) 858 (Chapter 32, Statutes of 2014)

Background: As a result of the adoption of the State Budget there were a few additional programmatic requirements included in one of the education trailer bills, Senate Bill (SB) 858 (Chapter 32, Statutes of 2014). The bill specifically stated that the intent of the Legislature is that the TK curriculum be aligned to the California Preschool Learning Foundations developed by the California Preschool Learning Foundations developed by the California Department of Education.

Credentialing Requirements for Transitional Kindergarten Teachers

- **Effective August 1, 2020:** In addition to the teaching credential, all teachers assigned to a TK classroom after August 1, 2020, shall have one of the following:
 1. At least 24 semester units in early childhood education, or childhood development, or both.
 2. As determined by the local educational agency employing the teacher, professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described in item 1.
 3. A child development permit issued by the CTC.

What does this mean for certificated employees?

Certificated employees serving as teachers in a Transitional Kindergarten class must meet the above requirements within the time limits according to CTC guidelines. Certificated employees will not be eligible to serve in the TK settings without proper credentialing requirements otherwise it may be deemed as a misassignment under CTC regulations. A misassignment may result in penalties and fines to the District

If you have any questions about credentialing requirements or program information to complete the upcoming requirements for Transitional Kindergarten please contact Human Resources for more information.