

Transitional Kindergarten



The first year of a two-year kindergarten in SPUSD.

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Elements of the New Law, SB1381

- SB 1381 amends Ed Code
- A child shall be admitted to K at the beginning of the school year if the child will have his/her birthday on or before one of the following dates:
 - **Nov 1 of 2012-13** school year
 - **Oct 1 of 2013-14** school year
 - **Sep 1 of 2014-15** school year and each year thereafter.



Elements of SB 1381, cont.

To receive apportionment for pupils, a district must ensure the following:

- In the 2012-13 school year, a child who will have his/her birthday between Nov 2 and Dec 2 **shall be** admitted to a Transitional K (TK) Program maintained by the district and paid for by ADA.
- The TK Program will be taught by credentialed teachers. Similar requirements in subsequent years.
- The program must be age & developmentally appropriate.



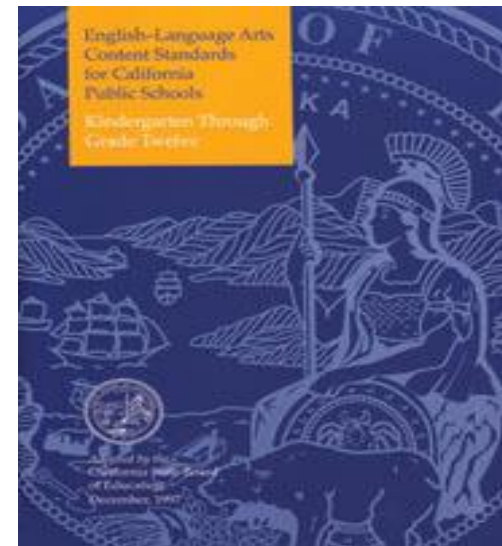
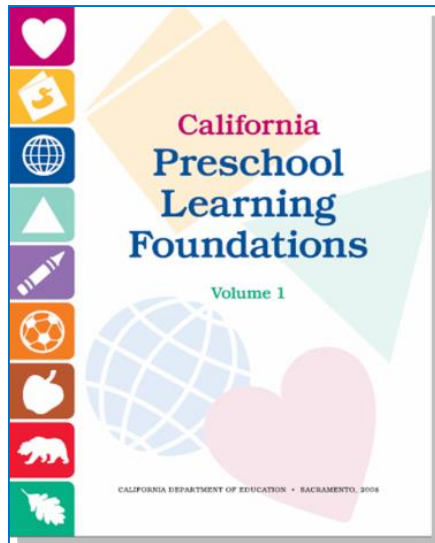
Why is SB 1381 a Win-Win-Win?

- Children will be better prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.
- TK gives parents an additional option to help their children enter kindergarten with the maturity and skills needed to excel.
- Schools will be able to do more with what they have because TK will help ensure children enter kindergarten more prepared to learn and succeed.



Features of Transitional Kindergarten

- TK year will serve as a bridge between preschool and traditional kindergarten by offering a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate and aligned with kindergarten standards.



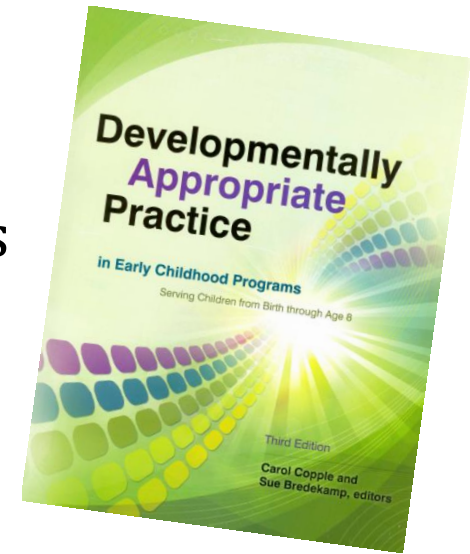
Features of Transitional Kindergarten

- TK classes will be taught by credentialed K-12 teachers.
- Offered on school sites



In Support of Learning

1. Active Learning Experiences
2. Learning Centers/Interest Areas
3. Varied Instructional Strategies
4. Integrated Curriculum
5. Balance Between Teacher-Directed and Child-Directed Activities



Active Learning Environments

Teacher and students learn from each other



Teacher provides opportunities to facilitate conversations around interesting topics



Teacher sets up the environment to engage interests of children



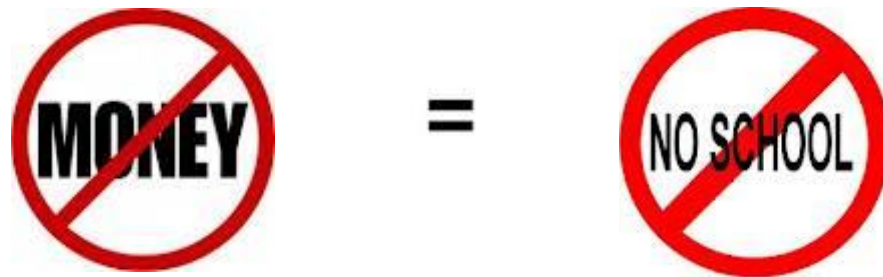
Learning Centers

- Library /Reading
- Listening Center
- Writing Center
- Computers
- Science Discovery
- Math Manipulatives
- Block Area
- Dramatic Play
- Sand and Water
- Art/Painting



What if?

- Few students fit the age requirements.
- Parents want their November 5 child in K.
- Governor Brown's budget passes.



Next Steps

- Complete scope and sequence for curriculum.
- Ensure PK-K coherence in the curriculum.
- Identify staff.
- Identify facilities.
- Pre-Registration: March 6-8, 8:30-11:30 a.m., in Room 4, District Office
- Confirm TK status and update website.

