



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 11.1

Meeting Date : March 2, 2023

Subject : Revision of Board Policy 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- X Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated 6/2023)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division : Academic Office/Early Learning and Care

Recommendation : NA

Background/Rationale :

The research clearly indicates that high quality education for young learners is vitally important in assuring school success and plays a pivotal role in closing the achievement gap among groups of students. Children who participate in quality early childhood programs tend to perform above the proficiency level, have greater language abilities, and fewer grade retentions (Lynch, 2005). According to a study conducted by the RAND Corporation in 2007, the readiness gap mirrors the achievement gap of students in the primary grades. However, the report denoted that entering Kindergarten at an older age is an important predictor for student success. Students who are older when they enter Kindergarten demonstrate a significant boost in academic achievement, confidence, and positive attitudes about school and learning.

Consequently, to ensure student readiness, it is vital that SCUSD provides quality Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programming to give students an additional year to mature socially, emotionally, cognitively, and physically. The proposed revisions to the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Policy will provide the guidelines necessary to create the learning environments that support quality instruction and learning for students in the district's TK classrooms while meeting the requirements of AB 130.

In 2021, legislation was passed that requires any school district operating a kindergarten to also provide a TK program for all children who turn four years old by September 1 by the year 2025. TK uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate and based on California's Preschool Learning Foundations and Frameworks (California Department of Education, Transitional Kindergarten FAQs, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp>).

Financial Considerations : N/A

LCAP Goal(s) :

Goal 1: College Career Readiness

Goal 2: Foundational Educational Experience with Equitable Opportunities for ALL students

Documents Attached:

List the documents included:

Executive Summary

Original copy of BP 6170.1, Transitional Kindergarten

Redlined copy of BP 6170.1, Transitional Kindergarten

Revised copy of BP 6170.1, Transitional Kindergarten

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## I. Overview of Transitional Kindergarten, (formerly named Early Kindergarten)

In 2010, California enacted the Kindergarten Readiness Act, S.B. 1381. Prior to that time, children in Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and throughout the state began Kindergarten at a younger age than almost all other states. These early age students often began school before they had maturity, early literacy and pre-math skills needed to meet the challenges of a rigorous academic Kindergarten program. Moving back the Kindergarten entry date was a welcome response addressing this longstanding practice and created a new educational opportunity, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), formerly referred to as Early Kindergarten (EK) in SCUSD.

This gift of time affords children who turn five at the beginning of a school year or at a later time in that same year, an additional year of school and serves as a bridge between preschool and Kindergarten. Transitional Kindergarten uses developmentally appropriate curricula aligned to the California Preschool Learning Foundations, Common Core, and State Standards taught by credentialed teachers in an enriching environment.

The district continues to deepen its implementation of Transitional Kindergarten for its students and families. Since its implementation in 2011 with four pilot school sites: Alice Birney Waldorf Inspired K-8, Leonardo da Vinci K-8, Theodore Judah, and Hubert Bancroft, the TK has expanded to H.W. Harkness, A.M. Winn, Pacific, Crocker/Riverside (relocated to Washington for the 2016/2017 school year), John Sloat, Pacific, Tahoe, Earl Warren, Edward Kemble, Ethel Phillips, Isador Cohen, John Bidwell, Mark Twain, Martin Luther King, Parkway, and Susan B. Anthony, and for the 2023/2024 school year will further expand to David Lubin, Elder Creek, Ethel I. Baker, Genevieve Didion, Golden Empire, Hollywood Park, and John Cabrillo by providing students and families regional access for this early educational opportunity. The response from parents and school staff strongly indicate that Transitional Kindergarten provides the extra support to help students develop the social, emotional and academic skills needed for regular Kindergarten and success in school. It is the district's intent to expand the program to each school that is able to support this educational opportunity for its school community.

An important first step for sustaining Transitional Kindergarten, was the adoption of Board Policy # 6170.1 which was adopted by the Board in November 2014, introducing Early Kindergarten (now identified as Transitional Kindergarten) as an essential regular grade school regulations and prescribed essential program components needed to provide our students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will position them for success in subsequent grades.

The California Department of Education (CDE) has recently amended Education Code (EC) 48000 for Transitional Kindergarten. The request to revise/amend Board Policy #6170.1

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appropriately complies with CDE and the needed changes suggested by the California School Board Association.

## II. Driving Governance:

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Common Core standards for this grade level. Student progress is assessed and reported to parents each trimester and conference times. Parents and staff are surveyed annually to gain community comment and evaluate the overall program and the instructional delivery the measure program effectiveness.

## V. Major Initiatives:

The following education revisions are requested for the existing Transitional K Board Policy #6170.1

- Section one, **Eligibility**, page one - replaces the term "Early Kindergarten" with Transitional Kindergarten
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The next steps in seeking approval for the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6170.1, Transitional Kindergarten include the following:

- Present the proposed revisions in a second reading to the Board
- Once approved, update the administrative regulations for the policy to provide alignment and further guidance on policy implementation
- Continue to provide professional learning in Transitional Kindergarten Curriculum and Instructional
- Continue to provide developmentally appropriate instructional materials
- Continue to develop the Early Kinder student assessment model
- Continue to evaluate program success through student assessments and program evaluation from parents, site principals, and teachers
- Enhance communication to provide information to the school community and build future enrollment at the school sites
- Develop new program sites as the district budget allows

**Policy 6170.1: Transitional Kindergarten**

(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

#### Out of District Transfers into Transitional Kindergarten

Students transferring from a Transitional Kindergarten program in an out-of-district public school may be admitted to Transitional Kindergarten to allow for continuity of service, pending receipt and review of school records.

#### Transitional Kindergarten Waivers



The district's Transitional Kindergarten Program shall be based on a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate (Education Code: 48000)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

The program shall be aligned to the preschool learning foundations and preschool curriculum frameworks developed by the California Department of Education. It shall be designed to facilitate students' development in essential skills related to language and literacy, mathematics, physical development health, visual and performing arts, science, history-social studies

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers assigned to teach in the Transitional Kindergarten classes possess a teaching credential or permit from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) that authorizes such instruction.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

A credentialed teacher who is first assigned to an Transitional Kindergarten class after July 1, 2015, shall, by August 1, 2020, have at least 24 units in early childhood education and/or child development, comparable experience in a preschool setting, and/or a child development teacher permit issued by the CTC. (Education code 48000)

The Superintendent or designee may provide professional development as needed to ensure that Transitional Kindergarten teachers are knowledgeable about standards and effective instructional methods for teaching young children.

(cf. 4131- Staff Development)

Continuation to Kindergarten

Students who complete the Transitional Kindergarten program shall be eligible to continue in kindergarten the following school year. Parents /guardians of such students shall not be required to submit a signed Kindergarten Continuance Form for kindergarten attendance. However, whenever children who would otherwise be age-eligible for kindergarten are enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten

5 CCR 18068	Attendance and expenditure reports
5 CCR 18272	Developmental profile
5 CCR 18281	Environment rating scales
Ed. Code 17375	California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program
Ed. Code 37202	Equal time in all schools
Ed. Code 44065	Issuance of and functions requiring credentials
Ed. Code 44256	Authorization for teaching credentials
Ed. Code 44258.9	County superintendent review of teacher assignment
Ed. Code 46111	Kindergarten; hours of attendance
Ed. Code 46114-46119	Minimum school day; kindergarten
Ed. Code 46120	Expanded learning opportunities
Ed. Code 46300	Method of computing average daily attendance
Ed. Code 48000	Minimum age of admission for kindergarten; transitional kindergarten
Ed. Code 48002	Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade
Ed. Code 48003	Kindergarten annual report
Ed. Code 48011	Promotion/retention following one year of kindergarten
Ed. Code 48200	Compulsory attendance
Ed. Code 8207	California State Preschool Program administration
Ed. Code 8241	Staffing ratios for center-based program
Ed. Code 8322	California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program
Ed. Code 8970-8974	Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten
Ed. Code 8973	Extended-day kindergarten
<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
California Department of Education Publication	Desired Results Developmental Profile: A Developmental Continuum from Early Infancy up to Kindergarten Entry, 2015
California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool1.2 (C)-6.7 (o)-12.6 (d)a3 (h)13.1 dod.Qq93 (AM)

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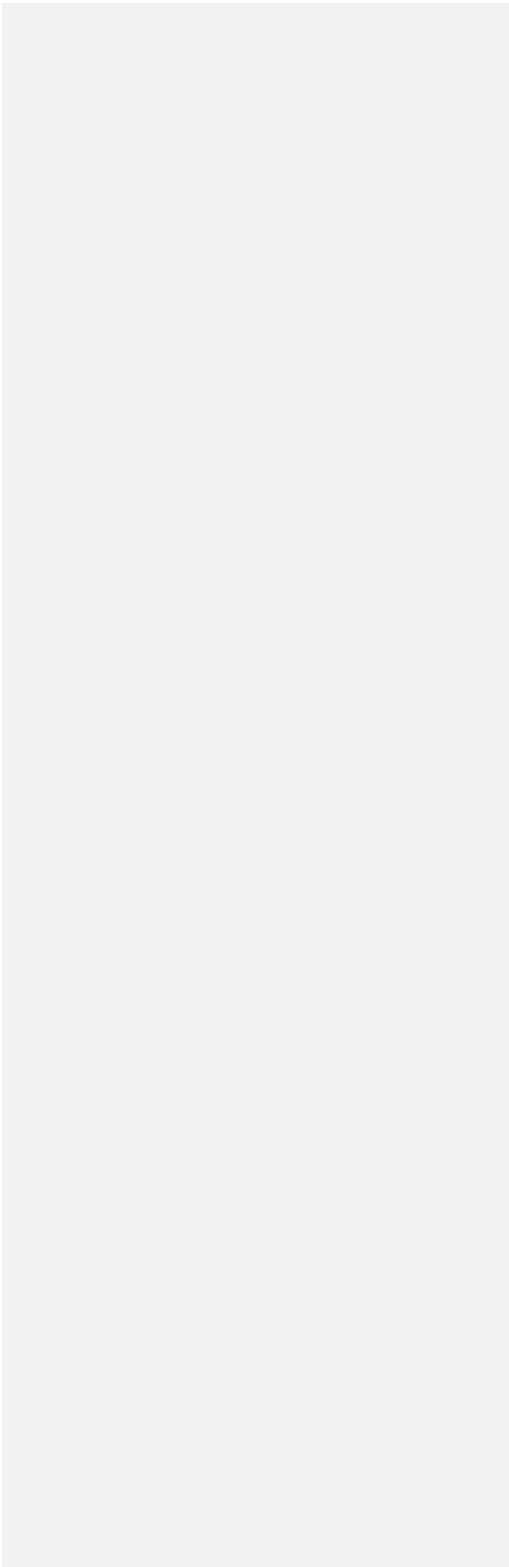
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**Description**[Accountability](#)[Citizen Advisory Committees](#)

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(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

Curriculum and Instruction

## Staffing

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**Policy 6170.1: Transitional Kindergarten**

Status: Adopted

Original Adopted Date: November 2014

The governing board desires to offer a high-quality Early Kinder/Transitional Kindergarten Program for eligible children who do not yet meet the minimum age criterion for kindergarten. The program shall assist children in developing the academic, social, and emotional skills they need to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

The district's Early Kinder/Transitional Kindergarten shall be the first year of a two-year kindergarten program (Education Code 48000)

The Board encourages ongoing collaboration among district preschool staff, other preschool providers, elementary teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians in program development, implementation, and evaluation.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

**Eligibility**

The district's Early Kinder/Transitional Kindergarten Program shall prioritize student enrollment for children whose fifth birthday lies between: (Education Code: 48000)

\* September 2 and December 2

Parents/guardians of eligible children shall be notified of the availability of this program and the age, residency, and any other enrollment requirements. Enrollment in the Early Kinder/Transitional Kindergarten Program shall be voluntary.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5111.12 - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)

(cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

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A student shall not attend more than two years in a combination of Early Kinder/Transitional Kindergarten and kindergarten. (Education Code 46300)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

#### Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall develop or identify appropriate formal and/or informal assessments of Early Kinder students' development and progress. He/she shall monitor and regularly report to the Board regarding program implementation and the progress of students in meeting related academic standards.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

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#### Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy. 9p100.08 /18 0 Td36

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 18000-18434	Child care and development programs
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California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 1, 2010
California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 2, 2011
California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 3, 2013
California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 1, 2008
California Department of Education Publication	Transitional Kindergarten FAQs
California Department of Education Publication	Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Guide: A Resource for California Public School District Administrators and Teachers, 2013
California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 2, 2010
California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 3, 2012
CSBA Publication	What Boards of Education Can Do About Kindergarten Readiness, Governance Brief, May 2016
Website	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">Transitional Kindergarten California</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Kindergarten Association</a>
Website	<a href="#">Commission on Teacher Credentialing</a>
Website	<a href="#">CSBA</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education</a>

Cross References

Code	Description
0500	<a href="#">Accountability</a>
1220	<a href="#">Citizen Advisory Committees</a>
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