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CALIFORNIA TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN STIPEND

OVERVIEW

The California Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Stipend (CTKS) strengthens existing efforts and investments to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) teachers and Title 5 California State Preschool Programs (CSPP) teachers. CTKS funds is intended to support TK and CSPP teachers in advancing their early childhood education and professional development for increased proficiency in using differentiated approaches to instruction specific to the needs of a TK classroom and the knowledge to effectively align the Preschool Learning Foundations with the Kindergarten Common Core Standards for ELA and Math, and the Next Generation Science Standards.

The first intent of CTKS funds is to support preliminary and credentialed teachers meet the newly passed law based on Transitional Kindergarten Senate Bill 858. Pursuant to EC 48000(g), a school district or charter school must ensure that preliminary and credentialed teachers first assigned to TK classrooms after July 1, 2015 will be required to meet one of the following criteria by August 1, 2020:

1. Have completed at least 24 units in early childhood education, child development, or both.
2. Have been determined by the local education agency employing the teacher to possess the professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described above.
3. Have been awarded a Child Development Teacher Permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

Additionally, after July 1, 2015 all TK classrooms would be required to align their curriculum to the CA Preschool Learning Foundations and Frameworks. While current TK teachers are "grandfathered in," any TK teachers hired after July 1, 2015, will have 5 years to meet the above requirements.

CTKS FUNDS

CTKS funds are tied directly to actual professional and educational expenses related to completing college coursework in early childhood/child development and/or continuing education units in ECE/CD within July 2014 through March 2019. 1 Funds will be available through March 31, 2019 as a one-time only funding or until all available funding has been expended.²

Transitional Kindergarten teachers are the first priority for CTKS stipends, and California State Preschool Program (CSPP) teachers are the second priority. Funding is determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. CSPP teachers may apply to both CTKS as well as the AB212 Funds.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

At the time of the application, applicants must work in Nevada County and are either:

- A credentialed teacher currently under contract with a Nevada County school district or charter school and working with at least one TK student
 - Credentialed lead teachers working in TK/K blended classrooms are also defined as "TK teachers"

¹ SB 876 (Statutes 2014, Chapter 687) – EC 48000(g) and EC 48000(f) <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp#newtkrequire>

² Senate Bill No. 876 Chapter 687 http://www.childnet.org/downloads/TK_bill_language.pdf

- A California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Teacher working directly with preschool aged CSPP children for at least fifteen (15) hours per week for at least nine (9) of the past twelve (12) months.
- Substitute teachers are not eligible to apply
- Only individual teachers are eligible for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses; schools, districts, organizations or programs are not eligible for these funds.

EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR CTKS REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursements are for educational expenses incurred for completing 24 early childhood education and/or child development coursework, training and costs tied to ECE/CD coursework and applying/upgrading child development permits.

For ECE/CD College Coursework from an accredited institution

- Enrollment or registration fee
- Tuition for ECE/CD units earned with a grade of "C" or better
- Required textbook(s) for ECE/CD coursework
- Official transcripts (sealed) from college or university showing earned ECE/CD units

For ECE/CD Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from an accredited institution

- Registration fee
- Required textbook(s)
- Official transcripts (sealed) from college or university showing earned ECE/CD CEUs

Reimbursable costs must be incurred between July 1, 2014 and March 9, 2019.

Funds cannot be used for prior or future year expenditures.

Travel costs, per diem, etc. do not qualify for reimbursements

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To qualify for reimbursement, submit the following documents:

- CTKS Reimbursement Application
- A copy of your transcripts verifying the accredited college, the course name, number of units and proof of the receipt of a grade of "C" or better. Computer generated transcripts will be accepted if the college/university name, applicant's name, course name, term and grade are included on the printout.
- All applicable payment verification (receipts, proof of tuition payment, parking pass, etc.)
- W-9
- CDE Confidential Profile Form

Submit all required documents by March 31, 2019 by email, mail or in person.

To send by mail or in person, bring all documents to:

Child Care Coordinating Council
 Attn: Rosnina Dort
 640 East Main Street Suite #3
 Grass Valley, CA 95949

Or email to: rdort@nevco.org

Keep a copy of all documents submitted, for your records. We will not give you copies of your application or any documents once they are submitted to CCCC. You will be notified by email confirming receipt of documents. Reimbursements are processed 2-3 weeks after approval, and as long as funds are available.