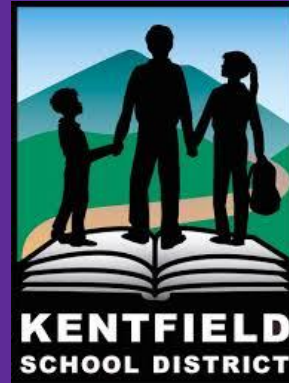


Kentfield School District

Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK)

February 2024





Universal Transitional Kindergarten UTK

Agenda - Topics to Address

- Background of TK - UTK
- UTK Philosophy & CDE Requirements
- KSD Planning for UTK, 2024
- Next Steps | Q & A

9 History of Transitional Kindergarten

2010

Senate Bill (SB) 1381
(Simitian)

- Changed kindergarten age eligibility from a student whose 5th birthday occurs before December 2 to September 2
- Phased in over three years, beginning in 2012-13
- TK defined as kindergarten with a modified curriculum

2014

SB 858 (Budget)

- Required teachers first assigned to TK after July 1, 2015 to:
- Obtain 24 ECE¹ or child development credits
 - Have a CTC² child development permit
 - Locally determined to have equivalent experience
- Deadline extended until August 1, 2023

2015

Assembly Bill (AB) 104
(Budget)

- Authorized Expanded TK (ETK) for four-year-olds whose 5th birthday occurs at any time during the school year
- Prorates per student funding and excludes students from unduplicated pupil count

2021

AB 130 (Budget)

- Universalizes access to TK for all four-year-olds in the state
- Phased in over four years
- Maintains ETK authority
- Requires one teacher for every 12 students beginning in 2022-23 with intent to achieve 10:1 ratios if funded

¹Early Childhood Education (ECE)

²Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)

History of Transitional Kindergarten

Legal Requirements of Universal TK

10 Legal Requirements of Universal TK



Education Code Sections (EC §) 48000(c)(1)(C)—(G)

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The Purpose of UTK is to offer Equity & Access for ALL 4 years olds.



Facility Needs

-
Bathroom | Furniture |
Play Space | Classroom

Staffing

-
Need for Qualified
Certificated &
Support Staff

UTK Ratio 1:12

-
KSD Ratios
K/2-4 - 1:25
1st - 1:22

Funding

-
No significant
funding to support
ratios & program
needs

UTK Design | K-8 Design

KSD UTK Planning 2024-2025+

We believe in providing a UTK program that is high quality while fiscally sustainable.



KSD will operate a 3 hour UTK option for KSD families on the Bacich Campus in 2024-2025 - an AM/PM option will be provided based on enrollment

In 2025 we anticipate formalizing a partnership with College of Marin Early Learning Program by providing UTK on a COM facility

UTK will be staffed with one Certificated KSD Teacher along with KSD classified support staff

UTK Program will be grounded in the Preschool Foundations with focus on school readiness and social emotional development

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Common Questions



How many students do you predict will be in each class?

How will children be assigned to an AM/PM class?

Will the children have access to the same offerings that the current UTK program receives?

Are there aftercare options on site available for families?

Next Steps | Q&A

- Monitor Enrollment
- Program Preference Survey, April 2024
- Program Assignments Announced May 2024
- First day of school, Aug. 21, 2024