Transitional Kindergarten

Presentation for Cambrian School District Parents

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Overview

- Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 (SB 1381) Overview
- Cambrian School District TK Implementation Plan
- What does TK look like?

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Changes in age for entrance into kindergarten; 5 years of age by:

- For 2011-12 school year: December 2
- For 2012-13 school year: November 1
- For 2013-14: October 1
- For 2014-15 and beyond: September 1
**SB 1381 Overview**

**What Is Required of School Districts Under The Kindergarten Readiness Act?**

The Kindergarten Readiness Act mandates that school districts implement transitional kindergarten by this schedule, but districts may opt for earlier implementation.

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TK may be available prior to legislative mandate in certain districts that choose to implement early.

Sept. 1 - New Traditional Kindergarten Entry Date Cutoff, Effective 2014

Dec. 2 - Transitional Kindergarten Entry Date Cutoff*

* Dec. 2 continues to be the cutoff date for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding.

Source: Preschool California Presentation developed by Cambrian School District and Santa Clara County Office of Education, Early Learning Services Department
California’s New Kindergarten System: Preparing Children to Succeed

Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two year kindergarten experience for those students who are born between September and December.

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Benefits

- Students better prepared to succeed in traditional kindergarten and beyond
- Improves social-emotional and cognitive development
- Increases test scores
- Reduces grade retention and special education placement
- Tremendous opportunity to integrate early learning and elementary systems

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TK Implementation Plan

Full implementation beginning September, 2012

- Greater likelihood of TK at each elementary site

- Consolidation of communication with parents about the change

- A larger cohort of TK teachers (3-4) will transfer or be re-assigned and collaborate on development of the new program guidelines
Parents would also be part of a larger cohort.

If we believe TK is good for “young 5’s,” why would we not give the maximum number of students that opportunity, as soon as possible?

TK opportunity for all students turning 5 between Sept 1 and Dec 2.

TK mandated for students with November birthdays.
Parents of students with birthdays in September and October have the opportunity of TK

Governor’s proposal could bring changes to plans.
  - Moving forward with planning for TK

Important for TK parents to have a “Plan B”
## What Does TK Look Like?

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<td>Students are exposed to content standards</td>
<td>Mastery of content standards is expected</td>
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<td>Program follows a modified curriculum that meets the academic and social emotional needs of young children</td>
<td>Program follows a curriculum dictated by a pacing guide</td>
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<td>Students have an more time to master content standards</td>
<td>Students may be retained if content standards are not mastered</td>
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<td>Program is student centered, driven by individual student needs to ensure students develop individual assets</td>
<td>Program is teacher directed, driven by expectations to master content standards</td>
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<td>Social emotional development is emphasized in order to help students develop prosocial skills</td>
<td>Discipline strategies are used to help students stay on task</td>
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Morning Message

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Technology Center

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Science Center

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Social-Emotional/Library Center

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