

2-39 Early Education Block Grant 2.0

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- In January, Governor Brown proposed consolidating funds from Transitional Kindergarten (TK), the State Preschool Program, and the Quality Rating and Improvement System, totaling \$1.6 billion, to create a new Early Education Block Grant program (EEBG)
 - The EEBG is intended to provide prekindergarten programs to the state's neediest four-year-olds:
 - Homeless children
 - Foster youth
 - Children with exceptional needs
 - Children at risk for abuse or neglect
 - English learners
 - Low-income children
 - Eliminates TK beginning July 1, 2017
- The May Revision builds on the conceptual framework from the January Budget

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Governance

- Districts will provide prekindergarten programs
- COEs will provide regional capacity building and technical assistance
- CDE will provide technical assistance to COEs
- Districts may contract with private providers

Planning

- Districts must develop and adopt three-year community early learning plans
 - EEBG enrollment and the unmet need within district boundaries
 - Annual goals and actions to increase access and optimize all resources
 - Mandates consultation with specified stakeholders
- COEs must develop and adopt three-year regional early learning plans
 - Assessment of countywide needs among multiple demographic factors
 - COE annual goals to increase district capacity as providers, to provide timely assistance, support and intervention, and summary of district early learning plans
 - Mandates consultation with specified stakeholders

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Programming

- Minimum school day and year equivalent to district's kindergarten program
- Tier 4 rating on the county Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS)
- Locally-determined curriculum, Preschool Learning Foundations encouraged
- Providers must be Title 22 licensed (exemptions for LEAs)
- Must serve number of children in TK and state preschool in 2016-17, as specified

Finance (Beginning in 2017-18)

- Per-pupil rate: \$6,200 with annual COLA
- Districts may create family fee schedules for non-income eligible children
- Provides a three-year hold harmless, based on 2016-17 levels, that includes:
 - ADA amount for TK students
 - Amount received for part- and full-day state preschool
 - Amount provided to non-LEAs for state preschool programs within the district's boundaries, except community college programs
- After 2019-20, funding cannot be reduced by more than 5% from prior year