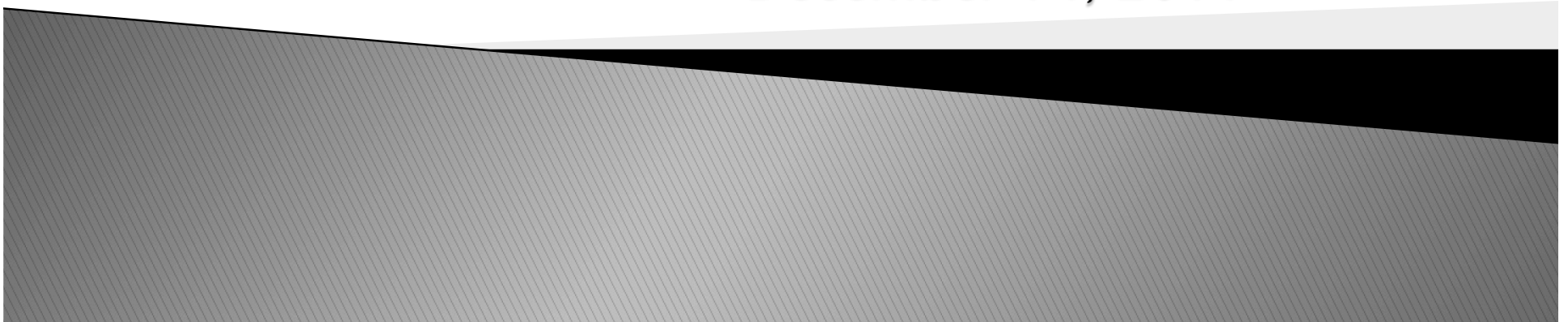


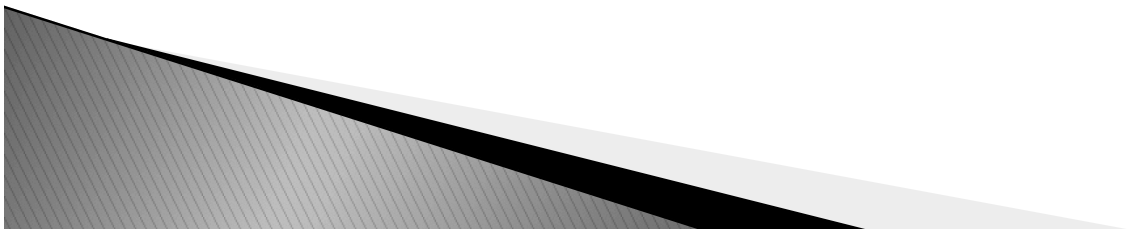
TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Del Mar Union School District
December 14, 2011



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SB 1381: Elements of the Law

SB 1381 ...

- amends Ed Code Sections 46300, 48000, 48010.
- changes the kindergarten entry date from December 2 to September 1, so children will enter kindergarten at age 5.
- phases in the new age requirement by moving the cutoff date one month a year for three years, beginning in the fall of 2012.
- SB1381 creates Transitional Kindergarten (TK).

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

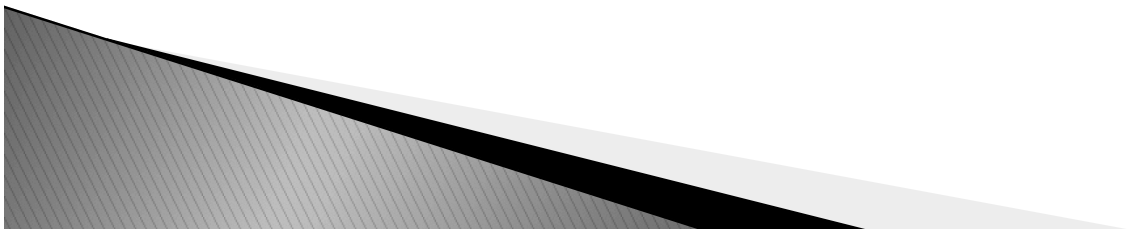
TK is...

- ▶ “the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.” (Ed Code Section 48000d)
- ▶ mandated to begin during the 2012–2013 school year.
- ▶ taught by a credentialed teacher.
- ▶ of no cost to parents.

SB 1381

Age at Enrollment

- ▶ Changes the entry-age for kindergarten from 5 years of age by December 2nd to September 1st over the next 3 years.
- ▶ Changes the entry-age for first grade from 6 years of age by December 2nd to September 1st over the next 3 years.



Enrollment & Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ A child shall be admitted to K at the beginning of the school year if the child will have his/her birthday on or before one of the following dates:
 - Nov 1 of 2012–13 school year
 - Oct 1 of 2013–14 school year
 - Sep 1 of 2014–15 school year and each year thereafter.

- ▶ A child shall be admitted to TK at the beginning of the school year if the child will have his/her birthday within the following dates:
 - Nov 2 – Dec 2 of 2012–13 school year
 - Oct 2 – Dec 2 of 2013–14 school year
 - Sep 2 – Dec 2 of 2014–15 school year and each year thereafter.

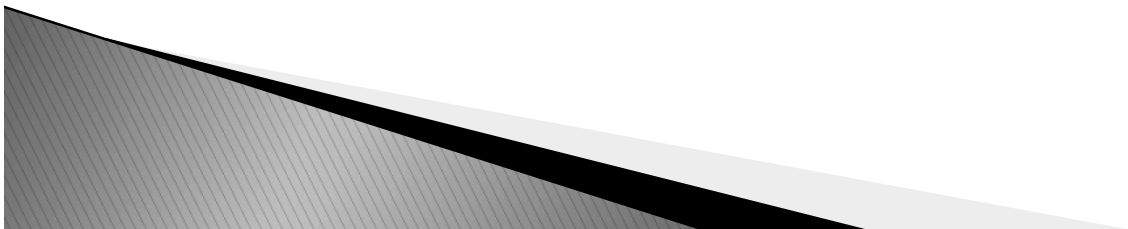
The Year after Transitional Kindergarten

- ▶ Children who enroll in TK have one year in TK and one year in K.
- ▶ After their year in a traditional K, these children move on to first grade.



The Transitional Kindergarten Experience

- ▶ Provides children with extended opportunities to meet expectations outlined in the CA preschool learning foundations and CA Common Core Standards.



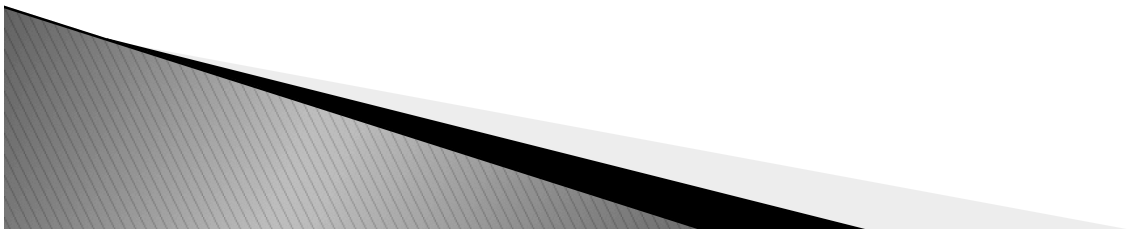
Curriculum of a TK Program

Kindergarten standards are addressed in TK Programs and are integrated across subject areas...

- Social–emotional development
- Self–regulation & approaches to learning
- Physical–motor development (includes fine and gross motor and sensory experiences)
- Cognitive development (includes mathematical & science knowledge and general knowledge of the world)
- Oral Language and Literacy development
- English Language Development (ELD)

Program Cost to District

- ▶ Curriculum
- ▶ Classroom Materials/Furniture
- ▶ Professional Development



DMUSD Timeline for Transitional Kindergarten Implementation

- ▶ TK Board Presentation – December 2011
- ▶ Information Posted on DMUSD Website – December 2011
- ▶ Projected Enrollment Process Begins – January 2012
- ▶ Board Policy Approval – Jan/Feb 2012
- ▶ Parent Informational Meetings – February 6, 2012 (6:30pm; Location: Ashley Falls MUR) and February 8, 2012 (8:30am; Location: Ashley Falls MUR)
- ▶ Initial Enrollment Period – February 13th– 17th, 2012

Timeline for TK Implementation (continued)

- ▶ Additional Parent Night – March 2012
- ▶ Assessment and Report Card Development – Spring 2012
- ▶ Facilities /Program Locations Identified – April 2012
- ▶ Preliminary Teacher Selection – June 2012
- ▶ TK Locations Confirmed – Summer 2012
- ▶ Additional Staffing Secured, as needed – Summer 2012

Communication with DMUSD Parents

- ▶ DMUSD Website (Interest List Sign Up)
- ▶ Notification at Area Preschools and Doctors' Offices

Interest List Sign Up

Contact Information:

- ▶ Parents are encouraged to put their child's name on our Interest List and we will notify them when enrollment begins in February.
- ▶ Send the following in an email to: Shirley Bales at sbales@dmusd.org.

- Child's Name
- Child's Home School
- Parent's Name
- Parent's Email Address
- Parent's Phone Number
- Child's Birthdate