### **Expanding Transitional Kindergarten:** Cost Model Estimates



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This document presents sample budgets that document assumptions and estimated costs that were used to estimate the total per child costs of implementing expanded transitional kindergarten (ETK) under different scenarios (district size, teacher qualifications, and staff-to-student ratios). These cost estimates are summarized in the accompanying brief entitled **Expanding Transitional Kindergarten: Lessons from Early Implementers.** Each budget scenario calculates estimated costs per classroom and per child and is followed by notes about budget assumptions and data sources. **Knowledge Brief:** Expanding Transitional Kindergarten: Cost Model Estimates

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### Budget Scenario: Full-day ETK 1:24 ratio with 1 credentialed teacher

Assumptions: School serves grades TK–5 and has two ETK classrooms Number of students enrolled per classroom: 24

PROJECTED EXPENSES					
School or District Staff	FTEs per Classroom	Salary Range From:	Salary Range To:	Total Cost (Using Midpoint of Salary Range)	
1. PERSONNEL					
Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)					
District TK/ETK Lead <sup>a</sup>	0.0053	\$112,524	\$182,469	\$780	
School-level Administration (Principal/Asst Principal) <sup>b</sup>	0.093	\$79,735	\$164,347	\$11,332	
Pupil Services - school level (nurse, psychologist, etc.) <sup>c</sup>	0.036	\$23,296	\$123,081	\$2,614	
Credentialed Teacher: TK <sup>d</sup>	1.0	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$82,917	
State Preschool Teacher	0	\$21,434	\$74,384	\$0	
Other credentialed teachers for special classes <sup>e</sup>	0.1	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$8,292	
Instructional Aide	0	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$0	
Classified Staff - school level <sup>f</sup>	0.464	\$23,296	\$72,862	\$22,322	
Clerical Staff - classified <sup>g</sup>	0.2	\$23,296	\$54,048	\$7,734	
Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.571	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$16,390	
Total FTEs and Salaries	2.47			\$152,381	
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$73,692	
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$226,073	
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES					
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$2,400	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>				\$667	

PROJECTED EXPENSES				
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES			\$3,067	
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE				
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%		\$30,600	
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES			\$30,600	
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT				
Furniture <sup>m</sup>			\$97	
Technology <sup>n</sup>			\$250	
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			\$347	
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>			\$4,182	
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			\$4,182	
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS				
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>p</sup>			\$13,783	
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS		4	13,783	
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM		\$	278,053	
TOTAL COST PER CHILD		\$	511,586	

- <sup>a</sup> The high end of the salary range is early education director at LAUSD; the low end of the salary range is elementary administrator salary from <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fr/sa/cefavgsalaries.asp</u>. AIR assumed a 0.5 FTE TK/ETK director (one person who is in charge of TK but also has other responsibilities) for a district with 6.75 elementary schools, the average number in a California district, all of which offer ETK/TK. Average size was calculated from these figures: <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sd/cb/ceffingertipfacts.asp</u>.
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- <sup>k</sup> Based on known costs of different curriculum packages interviewees reported using in ETK, AIR assumed \$2,000 for materials for one classroom, replaced every three years.
- <sup>1</sup> AIR applied a rate of 9%, averaged based on current facilities maintenance expenditures in California schools (2–4%), facilities maintenance costs used in the cost estimate for universal preschool in California under Prop 82 (12%), and published costs provided at <a href="https://www.asumag.com/research/article/20851274/36th-annual-maintenance-operations-cost-study-for-schools">https://www.asumag.com/research/article/20851274/36th-annual-maintenance-operations-cost-study-for-schools</a> and took account of California's aging school infrastructure, using \$340,000 as the base price per classroom.
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Instructional Aide	1.0	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$23,083	
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Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.571	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$16,390	
Total FTEs and Salaries	3.47			\$175,464	
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$84,855	
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$260,319	
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES		-			
Classroom Supplies <sup>j</sup>				\$2,400	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>				\$667	

PROJECTED EXPENSES				
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES			\$3,067	
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE				
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%		\$30,600	
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES			\$30,600	
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT				
Furniture <sup>™</sup>			\$97	
Technology <sup>n</sup>			\$250	
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			\$347	
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>			\$4,182	
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			\$4,182	
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS				
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>9</sup>			\$13,783	
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			\$13,783	
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM			\$312,298	
TOTAL COST PER CHILD			\$13,012	

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## Budget Scenario: Full-day ETK 2:20 ratio with 1 credentialed teacher + 1 aide

Assumptions: School serves grades TK–5 and has two ETK classrooms Number of students enrolled per classroom: 20

PROJECTED EXPENSES					
School or District Staff	FTEs per Classroom	Salary Range From:	Salary Range To:	Total Cost (Using Midpoint of Salary Range)	
1. PERSONNEL					
Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)					
District TK/ETK Lead <sup>a</sup>	0.0053	\$112,524	\$182,469	\$780	
School-level Administration (Principal/Asst Principal) <sup>b</sup>	0.093	\$79,735	\$164,347	\$11,332	
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Other credentialed teachers for special classes <sup>e</sup>	0.1	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$8,292	
Instructional Aide	1.0	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$23,083	
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Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.571	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$16,390	
Total FTEs and Salaries	3.47			\$175,464	
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$84,855	
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$260,319	
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES					
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$2,000	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>				\$667	

PROJECTED EXPENSES				
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES		\$2,667		
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE				
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%	\$27,000		
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES		\$27,000		
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT				
Furniture <sup>m</sup>		\$81		
Technology <sup>n</sup>		\$250		
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		\$331		
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>		\$4,182		
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$4,182		
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS				
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>p</sup>		\$13,783		
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS		\$13,783		
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM		\$308,281		
TOTAL COST PER CHILD		\$15,414		

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### Budget Scenario: Full-day ETK 3:24 ratio with 1 credentialed teacher + 2 aides

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Instructional Aide	2.0	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$46,166
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Total FTEs and Salaries	4.47			\$198,549
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$96,018
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$294,567
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES				
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$2,400

PI	ROJECTED EXPENSES	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>		\$667
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES		\$3,067
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE		
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%	\$30,600
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES		\$30,600
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture <sup>m</sup>		\$97
Technology <sup>n</sup>		\$250
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		\$347
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>		\$4,182
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$4,182
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TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM		\$346,545
TOTAL COST PER CHILD		\$14,439

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Classified Staff - school level <sup>f</sup>	0.464	\$23,296	\$72,862	\$22,322	
Clerical Staff - classified <sup>g</sup>	0.2	\$23,296	\$54,048	\$7,734	
Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.571	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$16,390	
Total FTEs and Salaries	4.47			\$223,375	
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$108,024	
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$331,399	
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES				
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$2,400	

P	ROJECTED EXPEN	SES	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>			\$667
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES			\$3,067
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE		· · ·	
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%		\$30,600
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES			\$30,600
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		· · ·	
Furniture <sup>m</sup>			\$97
Technology <sup>n</sup>			\$250
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			\$347
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	1		
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>			\$4,182
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			\$4,182
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>p</sup>			\$13,783
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			\$13,783
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM			\$383,377
TOTAL COST PER CHILD			\$15,974

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- <sup>g</sup> The average number of clerical classified staff in nonrural sample schools from <u>ed-data.org</u> was 2.8.
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- <sup>k</sup> Based on known costs of different curriculum packages interviewees reported using in ETK, AIR assumed \$2,000 for materials for one classroom, replaced every three years.
- <sup>1</sup> AIR applied a rate of 9%, using \$340,000 as the base price per classroom.
- <sup>m</sup> This is calculated based on the cost of child-sized tables and chairs replaced every 10 years.
- <sup>n</sup> AIR assumed 10 tablets at \$75 each, replaced every three years.
- To estimate the cost of annual professional development, AIR used \$25,090, the cost of staff training on the High Scope curriculum provided every three years.
- P To estimate the approximate amount of an ETK classroom's share of school-level costs of utilities, food, insurance, and equipment maintenance, AIR took these costs from AIR's prior work estimating the costs of TK in Oakland for one 24-student classroom.
- <sup>q</sup> Sum of lines may not equal total exactly due to rounding.

### Budget Scenario: Full-day ETK 1:16 ratio with 1 credentialed teacher in a small/rural district

Assumptions: School serves grades TK–8 and has one TK/ETK classroom with 16 students Number of students enrolled per classroom: 16

PROJECTED EXPENSES					
School or District Staff	FTEs per Classroom	Salary Range From:	Salary Range To:	Total Cost (Using Midpoint of Salary Range)	
1. PERSONNEL					
Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)					
District TK/ETK Lead <sup>a</sup>	0.5000	\$112,524	\$182,469	\$73,748	
School-level Administration (Principal/Asst Principal) <sup>b</sup>	0.100	\$79,735	\$164,347	\$12,204	
Pupil Services - school level (nurse, psychologist, etc.) <sup>c</sup>	0.025	\$23,296	\$123,081	\$1,830	
Credentialed Teacher: TK <sup>d</sup>	1.0	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$82,917	
State Preschool Teacher	0	\$21,434	\$74,384	\$0	
Other credentialed teachers for special classes <sup>e</sup>	0.1	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$8,292	
Instructional Aide	0	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$0	
Classified Staff - school level <sup>f</sup>	0.464	\$23,296	\$72,862	\$22,322	
Clerical Staff - classified <sup>g</sup>	0.2	\$23,296	\$54,048	\$7,734	
Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.167	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$4,790	
Total FTEs and Salaries	3.56			\$213,838	
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$103,412	
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$317,250	
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES					
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$1,600	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>				\$667	

PROJECTED EXPENSES		
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES		\$2,267
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE		
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%	\$30,600
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES		\$30,600
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture <sup>m</sup>		\$64
Technology <sup>n</sup>		\$250
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		\$314
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>		\$4,182
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$4,182
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS		
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>p</sup>		\$13,783
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS		\$13,783
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM <sup>4</sup>		\$368,396
TOTAL COST PER CHILD		\$23,025

<sup>a</sup> The high end of the salary range is early education director at LAUSD; the low end of the salary range is elementary administrator salary from <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fr/sa/cefavgsalaries.asp</u>. AIR assumed a 0.5 FTE TK/ETK director (one person who is in charge of TK but also has other responsibilities) for a district with one elementary school, the average number in a rural California district, all of which offer ETK/TK. Average size was calculated from these figures: <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sd/cb/ceffingertipfacts.asp</u>.

- <sup>b</sup> AIR assumed one principal (one FTE) in a rural school. The salary range shows the lowest and highest salaries from salary schedules from the districts AIR interviewed for the study. FTE was divided by 10 grades and one ETK classroom.
- <sup>c</sup> From <u>ed-data.org</u>, the average number of pupil services staff in the selected sample of elementary schools was 0.5. This FTE was divided among seven grades and two ETK classrooms. The salary range represents the lowest pay for nurses to the highest pay for psychologists in the districts AIR interviewed.
- <sup>d</sup> TK requires a credentialed teacher.
- Based on interviews, AIR assumed ETK students participate in music, art, and other special classes just as kindergarten students do.
- <sup>f</sup> The average number of nonclerical classified staff in rural sample schools from <u>ed-data.org</u> was two.
- <sup>g</sup> The average number of clerical classified staff in rural sample schools from <u>ed-data.org</u> was 1.3.
- <sup>h</sup> The average number of paraprofessionals in rural sample schools from <u>ed-data.org</u> was 1.67. AIR assumed these paraprofessionals serve all grades equally, on balance.
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- <sup>1</sup> AIR applied a rate of 9%, using \$340,000 as the base price per classroom.
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- To estimate the cost of annual professional development, AIR used \$25,090, the cost of staff training on the High Scope curriculum provided every three years.
- P To estimate the approximate amount of an ETK classroom's share of school-level costs of utilities, food, insurance, and equipment maintenance, AIR took these costs from AIR's prior work estimating the costs of TK in Oakland for one 24-student classroom.
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## Budget Scenario: Full-day ETK 2:16 ratio with 1 credentialed teacher and 1 aide in a small/rural district

Assumptions: School serves grades TK–8 and has one TK/ETK classroom with 16 students Number of students enrolled per classroom: 16

PROJECTED EXPENSES				
School or District Staff	FTEs per Classroom	Salary Range From:	Salary Range To:	Total Cost (Using Midpoint of Salary Range)
1 . PERSONNEL				
Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)				
District TK/ETK Lead <sup>a</sup>	0.5000	\$112,524	\$182,469	\$73,748
School-level Administration (Principal/ Asst Principal) <sup>b</sup>	0.100	\$79,735	\$164,347	\$12,204
Pupil Services - school level (nurse, psychologist, etc.) <sup>c</sup>	0.025	\$23,296	\$123,081	\$1,830
Credentialed Teacher: TK <sup>d</sup>	1.0	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$82,917
State Preschool Teacher	0	\$21,434	\$74,384	\$0
Other credentialed teachers for special classes <sup>e</sup>	0.1	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$8,292
Instructional Aide	1.0	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$23,083
Classified Staff - school level <sup>f</sup>	0.464	\$23,296	\$72,862	\$22,322
Clerical Staff - classified <sup>g</sup>	0.2	\$23,296	\$54,048	\$7,734
Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.167	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$4,790
Total FTEs and Salaries	3.56			\$236,921
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$114,575
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$351,496
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES				
Classroom Supplies <sup>j</sup>				\$1,600
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>				\$667

PROJECTED EXPENSES			
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES			\$2,267
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE			
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%		\$27,000
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES			\$27,000
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			
Furniture <sup>m</sup>			\$64
Technology <sup>n</sup>			\$250
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			\$314
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			1
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>			\$4,182
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			\$4,182
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			1
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>p</sup>			\$13,783
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			\$13,783
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM			\$399,042
TOTAL COST PER CHILD			\$24,940

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## Budget Scenario: Half-day ETK 1:24 ratio with 1 credentialed teacher, two sessions per day

Assumptions: School serves grades TK-5 and has two ETK classrooms with 24 students each Number of students enrolled per classroom (total in two sessions): 48

PROJECTED EXPENSES				
School or District Staff	FTEs per Classroom	Salary Range From:	Salary Range To:	Total Cost (Using Midpoint of Salary Range)
1. PERSONNEL		·		
Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)				
District TK/ETK Lead <sup>a</sup>	0.0053	\$112,524	\$182,469	\$780
School-level Administration (Principal/Asst Principal) <sup>b</sup>	0.093	\$79,735	\$164,347	\$11,332
Pupil Services - school level (nurse, psychologist, etc.) <sup>c</sup>	0.036	\$23,296	\$123,081	\$2,614
Credentialed Teacher: TK <sup>d</sup>	1.0	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$82,917
State Preschool Teacher	0	\$21,434	\$74,384	\$0
Other credentialed teachers for special classes <sup>e</sup>	0.1	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$8,292
Instructional Aide		\$12,096	\$34,070	\$0
Classified Staff - school level <sup>f</sup>	0.464	\$23,296	\$72,862	\$22,322
Clerical Staff - classified <sup>g</sup>	0.2	\$23,296	\$54,048	\$7,734
Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.571	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$16,390
Total FTEs and Salaries	2.47			\$152,383
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$73,692
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$226,075
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES				
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$4,800

	PROJECTED EXPE	NSES	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>			\$667
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES			\$5,467
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE			
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>l</sup>	9%		\$30,600
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES			\$30,600
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			
Furniture <sup>m</sup>			\$97
Technology <sup>n</sup>			\$250
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			\$347
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>			\$4,182
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			\$4,182
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>p</sup>			\$13,783
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			\$13,783
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM			\$280,453
TOTAL COST PER CHILD			\$5,843

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# Budget Scenario: Half-day ETK 3:24 ratio with 2 teachers (credentialed teacher + State Preschool teacher) + 1 aide, one session per day

Assumptions: School serves grades TK-5 and has two ETK classrooms Number of students enrolled per classroom: 24

PROJECTED EXPENSES				
School or District Staff	FTEs per Classroom	Salary Range From:	Salary Range To:	Total Cost (Using Midpoint of Salary Range)
1. PERSONNEL	-		-	
Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)				
District TK/ETK Lead <sup>a</sup>	0.0053	\$112,524	\$182,469	\$780
School-level Administration (Principal/Asst Principal) <sup>b</sup>	0.093	\$79,735	\$164,347	\$11,332
Pupil Services - school level (nurse, psychologist, etc.)°	0.036	\$23,296	\$123,081	\$2,614
Credentialed Teacher: TK <sup>d</sup>	0.75	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$62,187
State Preschool Teacher	0.75	\$21,434	\$74,384	\$35,932
Other credentialed teachers for special classes <sup>e</sup>	0.1	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$8,292
Instructional Aide	0.75	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$17,312
Classified Staff - school level <sup>f</sup>	0.464	\$23,296	\$72,862	\$22,322
Clerical Staff - classified <sup>s</sup>	0.2	\$23,296	\$54,048	\$7,734
Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.571	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$16,390
Total FTEs and Salaries	3.72			\$184,895
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$89,417
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$274,312
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES				
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$2,400

	PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>		\$667
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES		\$3,067
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE		
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%	\$30,600
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES		\$30,600
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture <sup>m</sup>		\$97
Technology <sup>n</sup>		\$250
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		\$347
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		1
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>		\$4,182
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$4,182
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS		1
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>9</sup>		\$13,783
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS		\$13,783
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM <sup>q</sup>		\$326,291
TOTAL COST PER CHILD		\$13,596

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- <sup>g</sup> The average number of clerical classified staff in nonrural sample schools from <u>ed-data.org</u> was 2.8.
- <sup>h</sup> The average number of paraprofessionals in nonrural sample schools from <u>ed-data.org</u> was eight. AIR assumed these paraprofessionals serve all grades equally, on balance.
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### Budget Scenario: Half-day ETK 1:16 ratio with 1 credentialed teacher in a small/rural district

Assumptions: School serves grades TK-8 and has one TK/ETK classroom Number of students enrolled per classroom: 16

PROJECTED EXPENSES				
School or District Staff	FTEs per Classroom	Salary Range From:	Salary Range To:	Total Cost (Using Midpoint of Salary Range)
1. PERSONNEL				
Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)				
District TK/ETK Lead <sup>a</sup>	0.5000	\$112,524	\$182,469	\$73,748
School-level Administration (Principal/Asst Principal) <sup>b</sup>	0.100	\$79,735	\$164,347	\$12,204
Pupil Services - school level (nurse, psychologist, etc.) <sup>c</sup>	0.025	\$23,296	\$123,081	\$1,830
Credentialed Teacher: TK <sup>d</sup>	0.75	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$62,188
State Preschool Teacher	0	\$21,434	\$74,384	\$0
Other credentialed teachers for special classes <sup>e</sup>	0.1	\$45,421	\$120,414	\$8,292
Instructional Aide	0	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$0
Classified Staff - school level <sup>f</sup>	0.464	\$23,296	\$72,862	\$22,322
Clerical Staff - classified <sup>g</sup>	0.2	\$23,296	\$54,048	\$7,734
Other Paraprofessionals - school level <sup>h</sup>	0.167	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$4,790
Total FTEs and Salaries	2.31			\$193,109
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$93,387
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$286,496
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES				
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$1,600

	PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>		\$667
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES		\$2,267
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE		
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%	\$30,600
SUBTOTAL FACILITIES		\$30,600
4. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture <sup>m</sup>		\$64
Technology <sup>n</sup>		\$250
SUBTOTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		\$314
5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
Staff Training <sup>o</sup>		\$4,182
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$4,182
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS		
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>p</sup>		\$13,783
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS		\$13,783
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM		\$337,642
TOTAL COST PER CHILD		\$21,103

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- <sup>b</sup> AIR assumed one principal (one FTE) in a rural school. The salary range shows the lowest and highest salaries from salary schedules from the districts AIR interviewed for the study. FTE was divided by 10 grades and one ETK classroom.
- <sup>c</sup> From <u>ed-data.org</u>, the average number of pupil services staff in the selected sample of elementary schools was 0.5. This FTE was divided among seven grades and two ETK classrooms. The salary range represents the lowest pay for nurses to the highest pay for psychologists in the districts AIR interviewed.
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- Based on interviews, AIR assumed ETK students participate in music, art, and other special classes just as kindergarten students do.
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- <sup>g</sup> The average number of clerical classified staff in rural sample schools from <u>ed-data.org</u> was 1.3.
- <sup>h</sup> The average number of paraprofessionals in rural sample schools from <u>ed-data.org</u> was 1.67. AIR assumed these paraprofessionals serve all grades equally, on balance.
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## Budget Scenario: Half-day ETK 2:16 ratio with 1 credentialed teacher and 1 aide in a small/rural district

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School or District Staff	FTEs per Classroom	Salary Range From:	Salary Range To:	Total Cost (Using Midpoint of Salary Range)
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Instructional Aide	0.75	\$12,096	\$34,070	\$17,312
Classified Staff – school level <sup>f</sup>	0.464	\$23,296	\$72,862	\$22,322
Clerical Staff - classified <sup>g</sup>	0.2	\$23,296	\$54,048	\$7,734
Other Paraprofessionals – school level <sup>h</sup>	0.167	\$23,296	\$34,070	\$4,790
Total FTEs and Salaries	3.06			\$210,421
Total Employee Benefits <sup>i</sup>	48.36%			\$101,760
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL				\$312,181
2. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES				
Classroom Supplies <sup>i</sup>				\$1,600
Curricular Materials <sup>k</sup>				\$667

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SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES			\$2,267
3. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE			
Facility Repairs and Maintenance <sup>1</sup>	9%		\$30,600
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Staff Training <sup>o</sup>			\$4,182
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			\$4,182
6. OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			
Estimated ETK portion of school costs for food, utilities, insurance, and equipment maintenance <sup>9</sup>			\$13,783
SUBTOTAL OTHER NONPERSONNEL COSTS			\$13,783
TOTAL COST PER CLASSROOM			\$363,326
TOTAL COST PER CHILD			\$22,708

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