

Parent Guidelines for VPK

Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education Program offers high quality learning opportunities for all four-year-old children. The VPK Mission Statement is: "To ensure that all children are intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially ready to enter school."

The Florida Department of Education/State Board of Education is required by law (Section 1002.69(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.) to calculate a kindergarten readiness rate every year for each private or public school VPK provider. The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate measures how well a VPK provider prepares four-year-olds to be ready for Kindergarten based upon the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS).

VPK Education Standards: fldoe.org/earlylearning and elcoforangecounty.org

Attendance

VPK school hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please be sure your child arrives on time ready to begin their daily activities. When your child attends a portion of the school day, it will count as a full day.

- Parents must complete the "Sign In and Sign-Out Log" each day. Requires full signature.
- At the end of the month, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Student Attendance and Parental Choice Certificate. Without this form, we cannot receive payment for your child.
- The VPK attendance policy is called the 80/20 Attendance Rule. This means that a child is allowed 20% absences for the entire school year. This amounts to 36 absences for the school year. If your child exceeds more than 20% absences for the year, CDC will not be reimbursed for those days missed.

- Daily attendance is directly related to higher scores on the Kindergarten Readiness Screener. All children will be screened during the first thirty days of Kindergarten.
- Please notify the CDC office or your child's teacher when you know of absences in advance. If your child is absent more than three days, documentation must be dated, signed and state the reason for absence.
- A preschool offering VPK has the right to dismiss a child for excessive absences.
- All parents must sign the VPK Parent Guidelines and the 80/20 Attendance Rule form.



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VPK Parent Guidelines and Attendance Rule

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of and agree to the VPK Parent Guidelines and the 80/20 Attendance Rule.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Student's Name

Date

