



2020-2021 VPK School Year Options

Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) presents each child the opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life with quality programs that include age-appropriate curricula and emphasize early literacy skills. Private, public and charter schools, private child care centers and specialized instructional services providers may offer VPK.

Based upon the results of the 2018-2019 kindergarten screening, **63% of students completing VPK were ready** for kindergarten, compared to 47% of students who attended but did not complete VPK and **39% of non-VPK students**. The VPK program provides a foundation for children entering kindergarten and beyond.

2020-2021 School Year VPK Program Options include:

- **School-year program**—540 instructional hours with in-person instruction in a classroom setting **beginning in January 2021**.
- **School-year program (VPK Flex)**—540 instructional hours utilizing a flexible option for remote learning (approved provider only).
- **Summer program** – 300 instructional hours with in-person instruction beginning usually in May/June

For programs and availability, contact your local early learning coalition through the following link:
<http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/coalitions>.

VPK Specialized Instructional Support (SIS)

VPK SIS is an option for children with disabilities who have a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) where certified or licensed professionals provide instruction or therapy in individual or small group settings outside of a traditional classroom setting. For more information, please visit <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/vpk-providers/specialized-instructional-services-providers>.

Family Resources: Florida Early Learning Standards

Visit <http://flbt5.floridaearlylearning.com/families.html> to learn about the knowledge and skills that a child should know and be able to do at the end of each age-related timeframe. Resources and activities are also available for families to support children's learning and development.



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