



What is the Summer VPK program?

Summer VPK is a free Voluntary PreKindergarten program aimed to prepare children for Kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. For the Summer of 2021, programs will offer 200-300 instructional hours.

Who is eligible for the 2021 Summer VPK program?

Children who reside in Florida and turned 4 years old on or before September 1, 2020. Children must not have attended the 2020-2021 School year VPK program, however some children who did attend the School Year program may be eligible to reenroll into the Summer program, if the child completed less than 70% of the School Year program. Please contact the Early Learning Coalition directly to verify your child's eligibility.

Where can my child attend the 2021 Summer VPK program?

The Pasco and Hernando County School Districts offer the Summer VPK program at selected elementary school sites. Private providers may also choose to offer Summer VPK. Please contact the Early Learning Coalition directly for a list of participating locations.

If my child does not attend the Summer VPK program, are there other options?

In addition to the Summer VPK program, children who have not substantially completed the School Year Program (completed less than 70% of hours) also have the following options:

- VPK Specialized Instructional Services (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>.
- Reenrollment into the 2021-2022 School year VPK program: Children whose birthday falls between Feb. 2 and Sept. 1 of the program year and who complete less than 70% (378 hours) of the 2020-2021 school year VPK program, may be eligible to reenroll into the next program year (2021-2022) due to extreme hardship and utilize their remaining instructional hours or funding that was unused from previous program year.

For more information regarding Summer VPK, please contact the Pasco Hernando Early Learning Coalition at coalition@phelc.org or 866-797-9444.

