

- Offer a developmentally appropriate curriculum that meets the VPK Education Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

- Ensure that all children are ready to enter school and learn.

- Employ primary instructors that have specialized training equivalent to a Child Development Associate to teach during the school year program, or a Bachelor's degree to teach during the summer program.

- Provides continuous trailblazing training to the instructional staff to stay current in best practices for providing consistent an innovative 21st century lifelong learning skills.



Director of Early Childhood Education

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The Eligibility Requirements for VPK:

Children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current year to be eligible. Families with children born between February 2 and September 1 have the option to postpone enrolling their 4-year-old until the following year when their child is 5.

To Apply for VPK Certificate of Eligibility:

Visit www.familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com You will need an email address, proof of Florida residency and proof of your child's age to apply. Your local early learning coalition will review your application and email you with further instructions. Once you application is approved, the coalition will provide you with a Certificate of Eligibility.

To Apply for the The School District of Osceola County, FL VPK:

Visit www.osceolaschools.net *AFTER FEBRUARY 25th* Next go to the Early Early Childhood Learning Center (Pre-K) page and follow the VPK Enrollment Steps to Apply online for a VPK seat at one of the School District of Osceola County (SDOC) sites.

After applications are reviewed and processed, but no later than April 15th, you will receive a call or email to schedule your registration appointment.

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program



At a Glance



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The School District of Osceola County, Florida

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!

About Us

OUR MISSION:

To ignite the love of learning in all children so they may reach their highest potential as productive citizens.

PROGRAM BACKGROUND:

The Voluntary Prekindergarten Education (VPK) program was created in 2005 to prepare every four-year-old for kindergarten and continued educational success. The VPK program helps each child build a strong foundation through appropriate curricula.

PROGRAM OPTIONS:

School-Year Session:

- 540 instructional hours that include 3 hours of daily instruction PLUS a parent fee for afternoon services.
- Full Day School-Year Session- only at select sites 540 instructional hours that include 3 hours of daily instruction PLUS enrichment.
- Full Day School-Year Session Blended Class 540 instructional hours that include 3 hours of daily instruction provided by an Exceptional Student Education Teacher.

Summer Session:

300 instructional hours and classes do not exceed 12 students



Pre-K Matters

Research shows children who participate in high-quality prekindergarten programs:

- Perform better on standardized tests.
- Have better attendance rate.
- Develop lifelong social and emotional skills.
- Are less likely to drop out of school.

Source: The Center for Public Education



VPK OVERVIEW

If your child will soon be 4 years old, the the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is a free high-quality education program for 4-year-olds living in Florida- to prepare them for success in school and in life. VPK helps build a strong foundation for school using educational materials appropriate for different stages in your child's development.

The School District of Osceola County, Florida understands today's instructional requirements and is ready to enhance the traditional VPK program with additional interventions like: Dual Language, Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics and Chess to include 21st century learning innovations.



Transportation- Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to and from VPK.