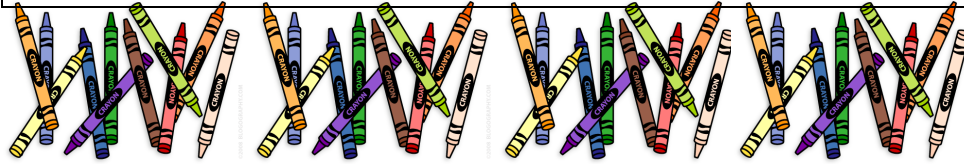




Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Facts

VPK is a free educational program that helps Florida's 4-year-olds be ready for success in kindergarten and beyond.

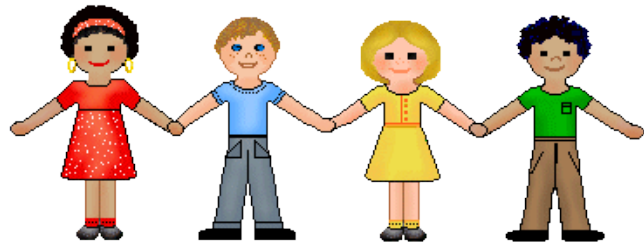


- 77% percent of all Florida 4-year-olds attend VPK.
- Florida is first of 50 states in the nation for pre-K access.
- In 2012-13, 82% of children who finished VPK were ready for kindergarten, compared with 53% of children who didn't go to VPK.

Florida has raised the bar for VPK providers who get public dollars, requiring 70 percent of children who attend be ready for kindergarten. In 2011-12, the percentage of VPK programs that met the higher standards rose to 72 percent from 68 percent in 2010-11.

Parents can choose a 540-hour school year program or a 300-hour summer program.

Statewide **96%** selected school year.



VPK Specialized Instructional Services (SIS) is a new option for parents of 4 year old children with disabilities outside of the traditional VPK classroom setting. Children with a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) from the local school district, calling for specialized instruction services, can enroll with a certified or licensed professional trained to provide specific instruction such as speech, occupational or physical therapies.

Did you know?

VPK began as an amendment passed by Florida voters in November 2002, then signed into law in January 2005 with implementation in August 2005. It's available to all 4 year olds in the state.