

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action items
June 21, 2005

SUBJECT: Approval of Equivalent Credentials for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)
Education School-Year Instructors

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1002.55(4)(e), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1002.55(3)(c)-(d)&(4)(a)-(d), Florida Statutes, *School-year prekindergarten program delivered by private prekindergarten providers*, and section 1002.63(5), Florida Statutes, *School-year prekindergarten program delivered by public schools*, specifies the credentials required for VPK school-year instructors.

Section 1002.55(4)(e), Florida Statutes, provides the Department of Education with the authority to approve educational credentials for VPK instructors which are equivalent to or greater than prescribed bachelor's or associate's degrees as described in the above referenced statutes.

To identify the equivalent credentials for VPK school-year instructors:

- Bachelor's degrees and related certification coverage areas and teacher competencies and skills were reviewed
- Associate's degrees and related curriculum frameworks and intended outcomes were reviewed
- Proposed equivalent credentials were provided at statewide meetings and posted on the DOE's website for review.

Supporting Documentation Included:

- Equivalent Credentials for VPK Instructors: An Overview and Recommendations, Attachment 1 – Bachelor's Degrees and Related Certification Coverages/Teacher Competencies and Skills and Attachment 2 – Associate's Degrees and Related Curriculum Frameworks/Intended Outcomes

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