

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Issues for Concurrence
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SUBJECT: VPK Accountability: Readiness Rate and Improvement Process

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS)

Section 1002.69(1), Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education to adopt a statewide kindergarten screening that assesses the readiness of each student for kindergarten based upon the VPK performance standards. The 2006-07 FLKRS consists of the Early Childhood Observational System (ECHOS) and the Letter Naming Fluency and Initial Sound Fluency probes from the Dynamic Indicators of Basis Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). Consistent with the above statutory requirements, both instruments will be administered within the first 30 days of school (see supporting documentation).

Readiness Rate

Section 1002.69(5), Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt procedures for the Department to annually calculate each VPK provider's kindergarten readiness rate, which must be expressed as the percentage of the provider's or schools. Section 1002.69(6)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the SBE to, "...periodically adopt a minimum kindergarten readiness rate that...would demonstrate the provider's or school's satisfactory delivery of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program."

Improvement Process

Section 1002.67(3), Florida Statutes, specifies the consequences for VPK providers whose readiness rate falls below the minimum rate adopted by the SBE.

This presentation/discussion will focus on specific policy questions relating to the calculation of the readiness rate and on guiding principles for implementing a system of state supports for providers (see supporting documentation).

Supporting Documentation Included: *Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener: Chronology of Activities, VPK Accountability: Readiness Rate, VPK Accountability: Planning for a system of Supports and Consequences*

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