

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Issue for Concurrence
December 12, 2006

**SUBJECT: Review of 2006-07 Kindergarten Screening Results and VPK
Accountability**

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

N/A

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2006-07 Kindergarten Screening Results

Section 1002.69(1), Florida Statutes, requires the Department of Education to, "...adopt a statewide kindergarten screening that assesses the readiness of each student for kindergarten based upon the performance standards adopted by the department..." for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education program.

For the 2006-07 through 2008-09 school years, the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) consists of a subset of the Early Childhood Observation System (ECHOS) and the Letter Naming Fluency and Initial Sound Fluency measures of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS).

The results of the 2006-07 screening are scheduled to be sent to school districts by December 8th (see supporting documentation). This presentation will provide an overview of these results.

VPK Accountability: Readiness Rate

Section 1002.69(5), Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) 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."

VPK Accountability: Readiness Rate (cont.)

This presentation will provide an update (see supporting documentation) on the following for SBOE consensus:

- number of school-year and summer VPK providers included in a readiness calculation with cell sizes of 4 and 10
- information to be included on VPK Provider Profile and follow-up activities for providers not included in the readiness rate calculation
- number of school-year and summer VPK providers included in a readiness calculation with completion rates of 75%, 80%, and 85%
- calculation of readiness rates for a provider that offered both the school-year and the summer VPK program
- methodology for assigning points for performance on the kindergarten screening instruments for calculating the readiness rate.

VPK Accountability: 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 will provide an overview of the major activities related to the VPK improvement process (see supporting documentation).

Supporting Documentation Included:

- *VPK Accountability: Calculation the Provider Readiness Rate*
- *Proposed VPK Improvement Process*

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