

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Issues Concurrence
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SUBJECT: Setting the Minimum VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Concurrence

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.69(6), Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.099821, FAC.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate -- On May 15, 2007, the Preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates were released on-line at <https://vpk.fldoe.org> and highlights of these data were shared at the May 15th State Board of Education meeting.

Consistent with the requirements of Rule 6A-1.099821(6), FAC, the provider dispute process began on May 15th and concluded on May 29th. In response to issues raised during the provider dispute process, the Department of Education (DOE) conducted additional activities to improve the quality of all providers' data. The "final" readiness rates were released on-line on June 13th and all VPK providers were sent written notification of this release and of other pertinent dates (see supporting documents).

Section 1002.69(6)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the SBOE 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." Subparagraph (6)(b) of this law requires that, "The minimum rate must not exceed the rate at which no more than 15 percent of the kindergarten readiness rates of all private prekindergarten providers and public schools delivering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program in the state would fall below the minimum rate."

This presentation will provide an overview of the "final" readiness rates and a recommendation for the minimum rate.

Supporting Documentation Included: *VPK Accountability: Timelines for Release of VPK Provider Readiness Rates and Related Activities and DOE & AWI Letter to All VPK Providers*

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