

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
December 11, 2007

**SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Proposed Rule 6A-1.99821, VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.73(2)(d), 1002.69(5), (6) Florida Statutes

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Section 1002.69(5), Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to adopt procedures for the Department of Education (DOE) to annually calculate each VPK provider's kindergarten readiness rate, which must be expressed as the percentage of the provider's or schools who are assessed as ready for kindergarten. To gather public input for the procedures to be used for the calculation of the 2006-07 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate, seven rule development workshops were held in September with approximately three hundred (300) individuals representing VPK providers and teachers, early learning coalitions, and public school districts were in attendance.

The rule, as proposed for adoption by the SBOE, includes the following:

Section (2)

- Requirement for school districts to administer the Indicadores Dinamicos del Exito en la Lectura (IDEL) (Spanish Letter Naming Fluency) to selected public school kindergarten students

Paragraph (3)(c)

- Addition of provider change in ownership as an issue that can be addressed in the dispute process

Subparagraph (4)(a)1

- Requirement for enrollment of 70% or more of the total instructional hours of the VPK program for inclusion in the readiness rate calculation (Please note that this requirement is the same as the prior year's requirement, but uses attendance instead of payment data)

Paragraph (5)(e)

- Use of the higher of the two Letter Naming Fluency scores (English and Spanish) in the calculation of kindergarten readiness rates

Section (6)

- 2006-07 VPK Kindergarten Readiness Rates are binding on new owners if 70% of VPK program remained at the time of the sale.

Timelines

The timelines, as of November 20, 2007, for the activities related to the calculation of the 2006-07 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates are as follows:

November 21, – December 11, 2007

- VPK Provider Verification Process (go to: <https://vpk.fl DOE.org>)

December 11, 2007 – January 4, 2008

- Coalition/DOE Approval of VPK Provider Verification

January, 2008

- Release of Preliminary 2006-07 VPK Kindergarten Readiness Rates and dispute process

February, 2008

- Release of Final 2006-07 VPK Kindergarten Readiness Rates

February 19, 2008

- Setting of Minimum Readiness Rate by the State Board of Education

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-1.099821, VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

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