

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

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Setting Minimum VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.69(6), Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.099821, FAC, require the State Board of Education to adopt a minimum readiness rate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2006-07 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

On January 28, 2008, the Preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates were released on-line at <https://vpk.fldoe.org>. An overview of these preliminary rates is attached.

Consistent with the requirements of Rule 6A-1.099821(3)(c), FAC, the provider dispute process began on January 18th and concluded on February 2nd. A total of 184 disputes were received via the Readiness Rate website and all were resolved by February 5th. In response to some of the issues raised during the provider dispute process, the Department of Education (DOE) conducted additional activities to improve the quality of all providers' data and to improve the "match" process. The 2006-07 Final VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates are scheduled to be released on February 15th. All VPK providers were sent written notification of this release and of other pertinent dates.

Section 1002.69(6)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education 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, "[t]he 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: Section 1002.69, Florida Statutes, Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten readiness rates; Rule 6A-1.099821, FAC, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates; and an Overview of the 2006-07 Preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates

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