

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Issues for Concurrence
June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: 2007-08 VPK Provider Readiness Rate Calculation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Concurrence

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Calculation of 2006-07 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates
Section 1002.69(5), Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education (SBE) 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. On December 11, 2007, the State Board of Education adopted Rule 6A-1.099821, FAC., Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Readiness Rate, which prescribed the procedures for calculating the 2006-07 kindergarten readiness rate. These procedures included:

- The administration of the Indicadores Dinamicos del Exito en la Lectura (IDEL; letter naming in Spanish) (see paragraph (2) of the rule).
- An opportunity for VPK providers to verify the cumulative list of children served in their program and the total number of hours enrolled via the readiness rate Web site (<https://vpk.fldoe.org>) prior to the DOE's calculation of the preliminary readiness rate (see paragraph (3)(a) of the rule).
- The calculation of a kindergarten readiness rate for each public and private VPK provider that served at least four children who:
 - were enrolled in the VPK program for seventy percent (70%) of the program, including allowable absences
 - participated in each of the kindergarten screening measures (see paragraph (4)(a) of the rule).
- The posting of information on the VPK Readiness Rate Web site as to why a public or private provider was not included in the readiness rate calculation (i.e., did not have four children who were in attendance for at least 70% and

participated in the kindergarten screening measures)(see paragraph (4)(b) of the rule).

- The assignment of one point for each percent of “Children Ready for Kindergarten” on each screening measure and that the readiness rate was the sum of this percent on each screening measure with a maximum of 300 points (see paragraphs (5)(a)-(c) of the rule).
- The use of the higher of the two scores on the Letter Naming Fluency measures for children who also participated in the IDEL (see paragraph (5)(e) of this rule).
- The ranking of VPK providers according to their final readiness rate (see paragraph (5)(f) of the rule).
- The impact of a change of ownership of a private VPK provider (see paragraph (6) of the rule).
- The requirement that low performing providers acknowledge their status (see paragraph (7) of the rule).

This agenda item will include a presentation and discussion of the above policy issues related to the calculation of the 2007-08 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate.

Supporting Documentation Included: Rule 6A-1.099821, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate, Screen Shot of VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate Web site, SAMPLE 2006-07 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate Report

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