

Subsections (3) (a), (b), (c), (4)(a)1. and (6) are amended to read:

6A-1.099821 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate.

(1) – (2) No change.

(3) Accuracy of Data.

(a) Prior to the calculation of the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate, as described in subsection (5) of this rule, private and public school VPK providers shall have the opportunity to review a cumulative list of all of the children served in their program and the total number of hours they attended enrolled, including allowable absences.

(b) If a private or public provider disputes the accuracy of ~~any figures comprising~~ the cumulative list, of VPK participants or the total number of hours they attended when such change would result in their inclusion or exclusion in the calculation of the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate, as measured by the threshold of seventy (70) percent, as described in subparagraph (4)(a)1. of this rule, the provider may submit corrective information to the Office of Early Learning of the Department of Education within 14 days after publication of the cumulative list on the Department's website (vpk.fldoe.org). The Department, in collaboration with the Agency for Workforce Innovation and the respective Early Learning Coalition, shall review the corrective information and accept or reject the requested corrective information within ~~2128~~ days after publication of the cumulative list on the Department's website. Upon completion of the corrective process, the Department shall calculate a preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate in accordance with the method described in subsection (5) of this rule.

(c) If a private or public school provider disputes the accuracy of the preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate as published on the Department's website or if a private provider disputes ownership at the time of the 2007-08 ~~2006-07~~ VPK program, the provider may submit

documentation to the Department for its review and consideration within 14 days after publication of the preliminary rate. The Department shall review and accept or reject any changes to the data within ~~1428~~ days after publication. The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate will be recalculated in accordance with the method described in subsection (5) of this rule and submitted to the State Board of Education for the purpose of adopting a minimum readiness rate, as required by Section 1002.69(6), F.S.

(4) Criteria for Inclusion in the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate for ~~2007-08~~ ~~2006-07~~.

(a) After the conclusion of the review of the data described in subsection (3) of this rule, the Department shall calculate the Kindergarten Readiness Rate for each private or public school VPK provider of either the school year (five hundred forty (540) hour) or summer (three hundred (300) hour) program that served at least four (4) children who:

1. ~~Attended~~ ~~Enrolled in~~ the VPK program for seventy (70) percent or more of the total number of instructional hours; and

2. Participated in each of the kindergarten screening measures.

(b) If a private or public school provider does not meet the criteria described above, information as to why the provider was not included in the VPK Provider Readiness Rate calculation shall be displayed on the VPK Provider Profile required by Section 1002.53(5), F.S.

(5) No change.

(6) VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates. VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates shall be binding on new private VPK owners if the change of ownership occurred at a point in time in which seventy (70) percent or more of the VPK school-year or summer program remained.

~~(a) A change in ownership of a private VPK provider, which occurred at a point in time in which~~
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~~less than seventy (70) percent of the VPK school year or summer program remained, shall be noted on the Department's website.~~ For the purpose of this rule, a change of ownership does not include the sale or transfer to family members or persons with a pre-existing ownership interest in the business.

~~(b) VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates shall be binding on new private VPK owners if the change of ownership occurred at a point in time in which seventy (70) percent or more of the VPK school year or summer program remained.~~

(7) No change.

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