

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
December 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.099821, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

[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 2007-08 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate, six rule development workshops were held in August - September with individuals representing VPK providers and teachers, early learning coalitions, and public school districts in attendance.

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

- revising the terminology related to the data used (attendance vs. enrollment data)
- updating the year referenced for the readiness rate
- reducing the scope, and therefore the time, needed for providers, coalitions, and DOE staff to review the accuracy of the VPK provider data
- reducing the timeframe for the review of changes submitted by providers and disputes filed
- simplifying language related to changes in ownership.

It is anticipated that the 2007-08 Preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates will be released January, 2009 and Final Rates in February.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.099821, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

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