

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

March 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Setting the Minimum 2008-09 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Setting Minimum 2008-09 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.69(6), Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.099821, F.A.C.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Statewide Kindergarten Screening

Section 1002.69(1), Florida Statutes, directs the Florida Department of Education to establish a kindergarten readiness screening based upon standards adopted by the State Board of Education, under Section 1002.67(1), Florida Statutes, for the VPK Education Program. These VPK Education Standards describe what children should know and be able to do at the end of the VPK year in the areas of Physical Health, Approaches to Learning, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Communication, Emergent Literacy, Mathematical and Scientific Thinking, Social Studies and The Arts, and Motor Development.

The 2009 Kindergarten Screening consists of a subset of the Early Childhood Observation System (ECHOS) and two measures, the Broad Screen and the Broad Diagnostic Inventory, from the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR). Both are administered within the first 30 days of kindergarten. ECHOS is a brief observational screening instrument that is designed to measure a child's performance across seven developmental areas that are aligned with the VPK Education Standards. The FAIR measures are designed to measure specific skills that are based on the VPK Education Standards in the area of emergent literacy.

Section 1002.69(4), Florida Statutes, requires that each parent who enrolls their child in the VPK program "...must submit their child for the statewide kindergarten screening, regardless of whether the child is admitted to kindergarten in a public school or nonpublic school." Each school district is required to administer the kindergarten screening to these VPK participants now attending kindergarten in a nonpublic school.

VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

Section 1002.69, Florida Statutes, requires an annual calculation of the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate that is based upon the percentage of the provider's children who completed the VPK program and were assessed as "ready" for kindergarten on the statewide kindergarten screening. The 2008-09 kindergarten readiness rates are based upon the percent of children "ready" on the ECHOS and Broad Screen.

Consistent with Rule 6A-1.099821, F.A.C., a readiness rate is calculated for each private or public school VPK provider of either the school-year (540-hours) or summer (300-hours) that served at least four children who

- attended the VPK program 70-percent or more of the total number of instructional hours and
- participated in each of the kindergarten screening measures

Information related to the previous VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates is listed below.

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Total Number of VPK Providers	4,565	5,116	5,449
Number and Percent of VPK Providers with a Rate	3,772 83%	4,595 90%	4,962 91%
Total Number of VPK Children	112,684	130,853	142,044
Number and Percent of VPK Children "Matched" to Kindergarten Screening Results	92,486 82%	108,104 83%	122,656 86%
Number and Percent of VPK Completers	76,772 68%	98,665 75%	108,472 76%
Number and Percent of VPK Children "In Readiness Rate"	64,026 57%	82,851 63%	95,079 67%
Minimum Readiness Rate	201	211	214
Number of Low Performing VPK Providers	556	689	733

Low Performing VPK Providers

Section 1002.67, Florida Statutes, outlines the following consequences for providers not meeting the minimum readiness rate for consecutive years. Listed below is information related to the number of low performing providers and their required actions.

Year/Number of Low Performing Providers	Required Action(s)
Year 1 – 531 Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and implement an improvement plan approved by the coalition or school district
Probation Year 2 – 150 Providers Year 3 – 52 Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and implement an improvement plan approved by the coalition or school district• Use a curriculum approved by the Department of Education for VPK
Year 4 - TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loss of eligibility to provide VPK

2008-09 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate

Consistent with the requirements of Rule 6A-1.099821, F.A.C., the process to calculate the 2008-09 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates began with the “matching” of the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) VPK data with the kindergarten screening results (2009 Kindergarten Screening results were released on January 6, 2010). From January 5-19, 2010, providers were given an opportunity to supply additional information on children for whom a “match” was not yet finalized (e.g., indicate that the child had moved out of state, make corrections to name, date of birth, etc). The 2008-09 Preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates were posted on February 5, 2010. The provider dispute process began on February 5th and concluded on February 19th. A total of 216 disputes were received and resolved. 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 2008-09 Final VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates are scheduled to be publicly released during the week of March 8-12 to be considered for approval by the State Board of Education on March 26.**

Setting the 2008-09 VPK Provider Minimum Readiness Rate

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, “The 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.”

Supporting Documentation Included: Section 1002.69, Florida Statutes, Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten readiness rates; Rule 6A-1.099821, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates

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1002.69 Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten readiness rates.--

(1) The department shall adopt a statewide kindergarten screening that assesses the readiness of each student for kindergarten based upon the performance standards adopted by the department under s. 1002.67(1) for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. The department shall require that each school district administer the statewide kindergarten screening to each kindergarten student in the school district within the first 30 school days of each school year.

(2) The statewide kindergarten screening shall provide objective data concerning each student's readiness for kindergarten and progress in attaining the performance standards adopted by the department under s. 1002.67(1).

(3) The statewide kindergarten screening shall incorporate mechanisms for recognizing potential variations in kindergarten readiness rates for students with disabilities.

(4) Each parent who enrolls his or her child in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program must submit the child for the statewide kindergarten screening, regardless of whether the child is admitted to kindergarten in a public school or nonpublic school. Each school district shall designate sites to administer the statewide kindergarten screening for children admitted to kindergarten in a nonpublic school.

(5) The State Board of Education shall adopt procedures for the department to annually calculate each private prekindergarten provider's and public school's kindergarten readiness rate, which must be expressed as the percentage of the provider's or school's students who are assessed as ready for kindergarten. The kindergarten readiness rates must be based exclusively upon the results of the statewide kindergarten screening for students completing the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, beginning with students completing the program during the 2005-2006 school year who are administered the statewide kindergarten screening during the 2006-2007 school year. The rates must not include students who are not administered the statewide kindergarten screening.

(6)(a) The State Board of Education shall periodically adopt a minimum kindergarten readiness rate that, if achieved by a private prekindergarten provider or public school, would demonstrate the provider's or school's satisfactory delivery of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

(b) The minimum rate must not exceed the rate at which 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.

History.--s. 1, ch. 2004-484.

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

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to implement the requirements of Section 1002.69, F.S.

(2) Accuracy of Data.

(a) Prior to the calculation of the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate, as described in subsection (4) 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.

(b) If a private or public provider disputes the accuracy of 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 (3)(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.fl DOE.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 21 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 (4) 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 2008-09 VPK program, the provider may file a dispute on the Department’s website and submit documentation to the Department for its review and consideration within 21 days after publication of the preliminary rate. The Department shall review and accept or reject any changes to the data within 14 days after publication. The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate will be recalculated in accordance with the method described in subsection (4) 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.

(3) Criteria for Inclusion in the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate for 2008-09.

(a) After the conclusion of the review of the data described in subsection (2) 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 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.

(4) Procedures for Calculating the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate for 2008-09.

(a) The “Percent of Children Ready for Kindergarten” shall be calculated as the number of “Children Ready for Kindergarten” on each screening measure divided by the total number of “Children Screened” on that measure.

(b) One point is assigned for each percent of “Children Ready for Kindergarten” on each screening measure.

(c) The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate shall be the sum of the “Percent of Children Ready for Kindergarten” on each screening measure with a maximum of two hundred (200) points.

(d) The Kindergarten Readiness Rate for private and public school VPK Providers will be displayed as follows:

	Screening Measure #1	Screening Measure #2
Children Ready for Kindergarten	22	15
Children Screened	22	20
Percent of Children Ready for Kindergarten	100	75
VPK Provider Readiness Rate		175

(e) All providers shall be ranked according to their final score.

(5) 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. 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.

(6) Low Performing VPK Providers. If the readiness rate of a private or public VPK provider falls below the minimum rate adopted by the State Board, the provider shall be designated as a low performing VPK provider, notified of each designation by the Department, and acknowledge such designation on the Department's website within 21 days of the State Board of Education's adoption of the minimum readiness rate.

Rulemaking Authority 1002.69(5), (6), 1002.73(2)(d) FS. Law Implemented 1002.69(5), (6) FS. History--New 6-3-07, Amended 1-16-08, 1-5-09, 12-15-09.

Final 2008-09 VPK
Provider Kindergarten
Readiness Rates:
Setting the Minimum



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Timelines

- February 5, 2010
 - Preliminary Rates Released via Web Site
- February 5 – February 26, 2010
 - Dispute Process and Recalculation of Rates
- March 5, 2010
 - Release of Final Rates
- March 26, 2010
 - Minimum Rate Set by State Board

2008-09 Preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates

- *Children who participated in the VPK program performed better on the kindergarten screening than children who did not participate.*
- *Florida's 2008-09 Final VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate reflects the performance of **90% of all VPK programs.***
- *Based on the Final Rates, **85%** of Florida's VPK providers earned a readiness rate of **138 or higher** out of a possible 200 points.*

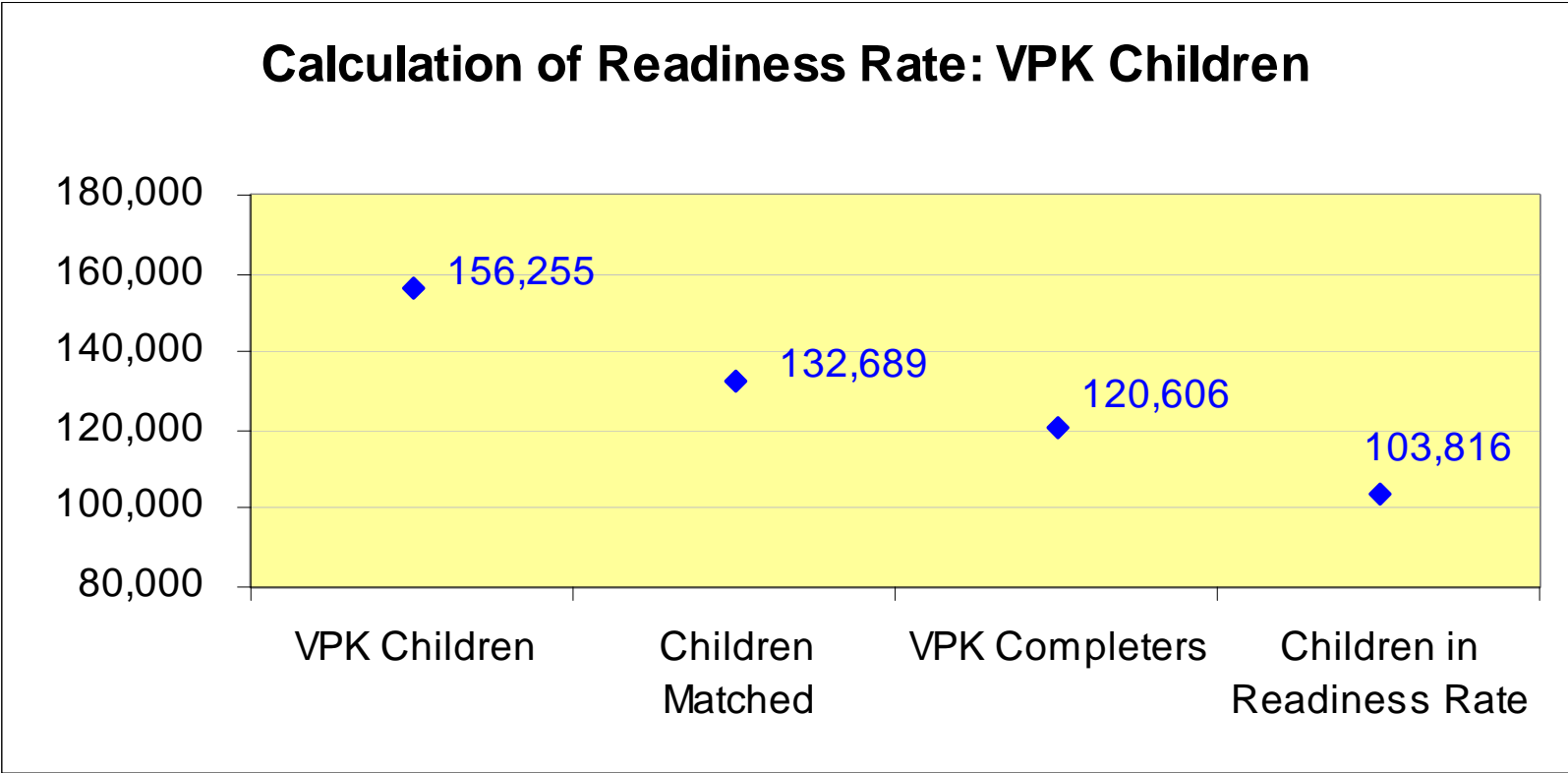
READINESS RATES & DATA MATCHING

- AWI/Coalition Data
 - VPK Providers
 - Program Type
 - Provider Type
 - Faith-Based Status
 - VPK Children

- DOE Files
 - Kindergarten Demographics
 - Kindergarten Screening Results



2008-09 VPK Children



2008-09 VPK Children: Demographics (156,255)

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	61,744	40%
Male	63,711	41%
Unknown*	30,800	20%
English Language Learners (ELL)	Number	Percent
ELL	20,925	13%
Non-ELL	104,530	67%
Unknown*	30,800	20%

*Unknown = Students served in VPK but not matched against DOE demographic or Kindergarten Screening data.

2008-09 VPK Children: Demographics (156,255)

Students with Disabilities (SWD)	Number	Percent
SWD	6,376	4%
Non-SWD	126,930	81%
Unknown*	22,949	15%
Free/Reduced Price Lunch (FRL)	Number	Percent
FRL	69,720	45%
Non-FRL	55,735	36%
Unknown*	30,800	20%

*Unknown = Students served in VPK but not matched against DOE demographic or Kindergarten Screening data.

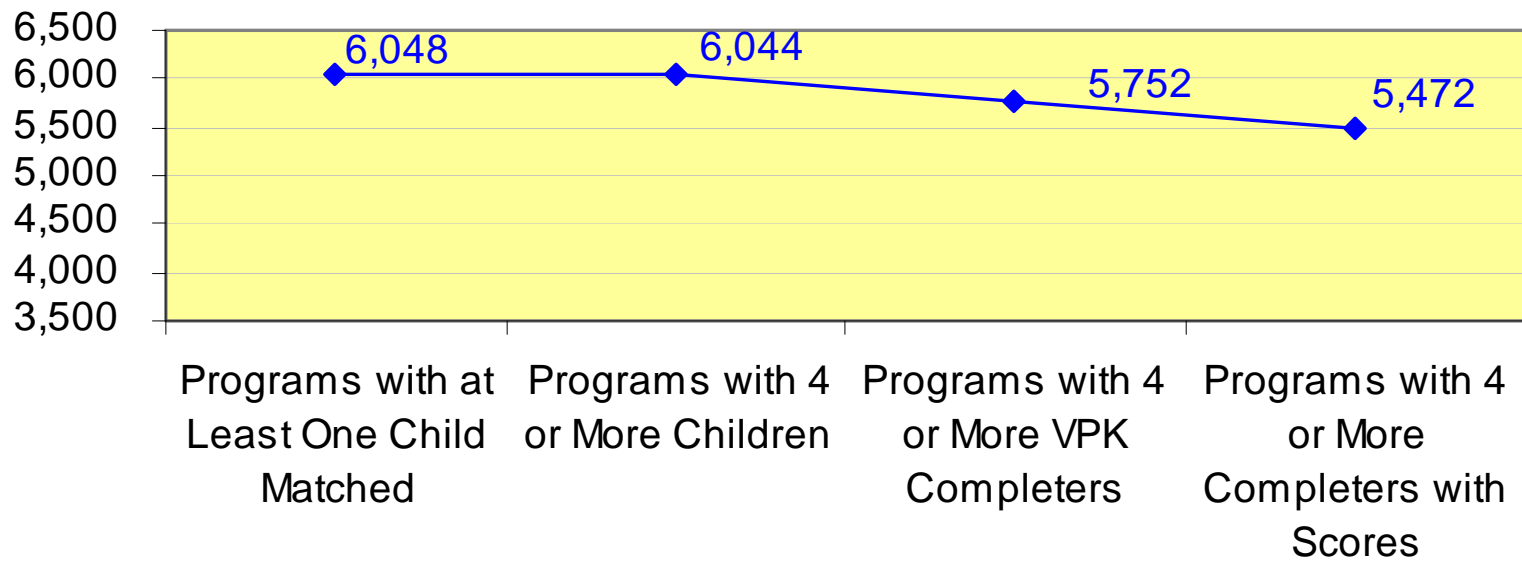
2008-09 VPK Children: Demographics (156,255)

Race	Number	Percent
White	55,017	35%
African American	27,022	17%
Hispanic	34,113	22%
Multiracial	5,428	3%
Asian	3,486	2%
American Indian	389	<1%
Unknown*	30,800	20%

*Unknown = Students served in VPK but not matched against DOE demographic or Kindergarten Screening data.

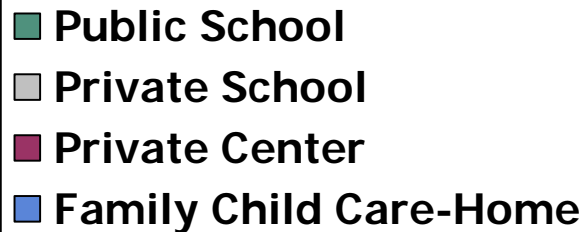
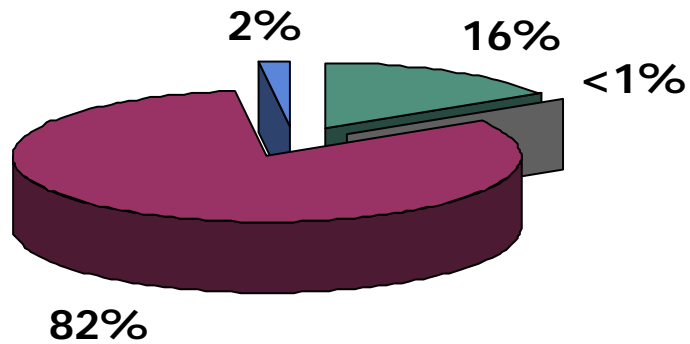
2008-09 VPK Providers/Programs

Calculation of Readiness Rate: VPK Providers

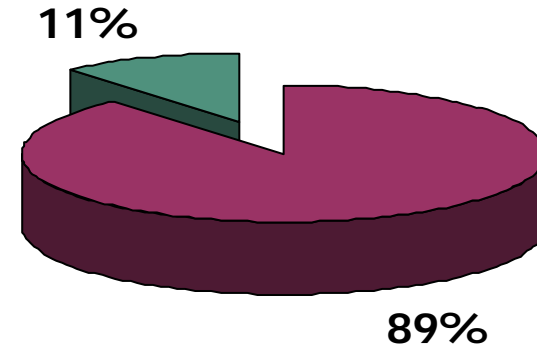


2008-09 VPK Providers

Provider Type



Program Type

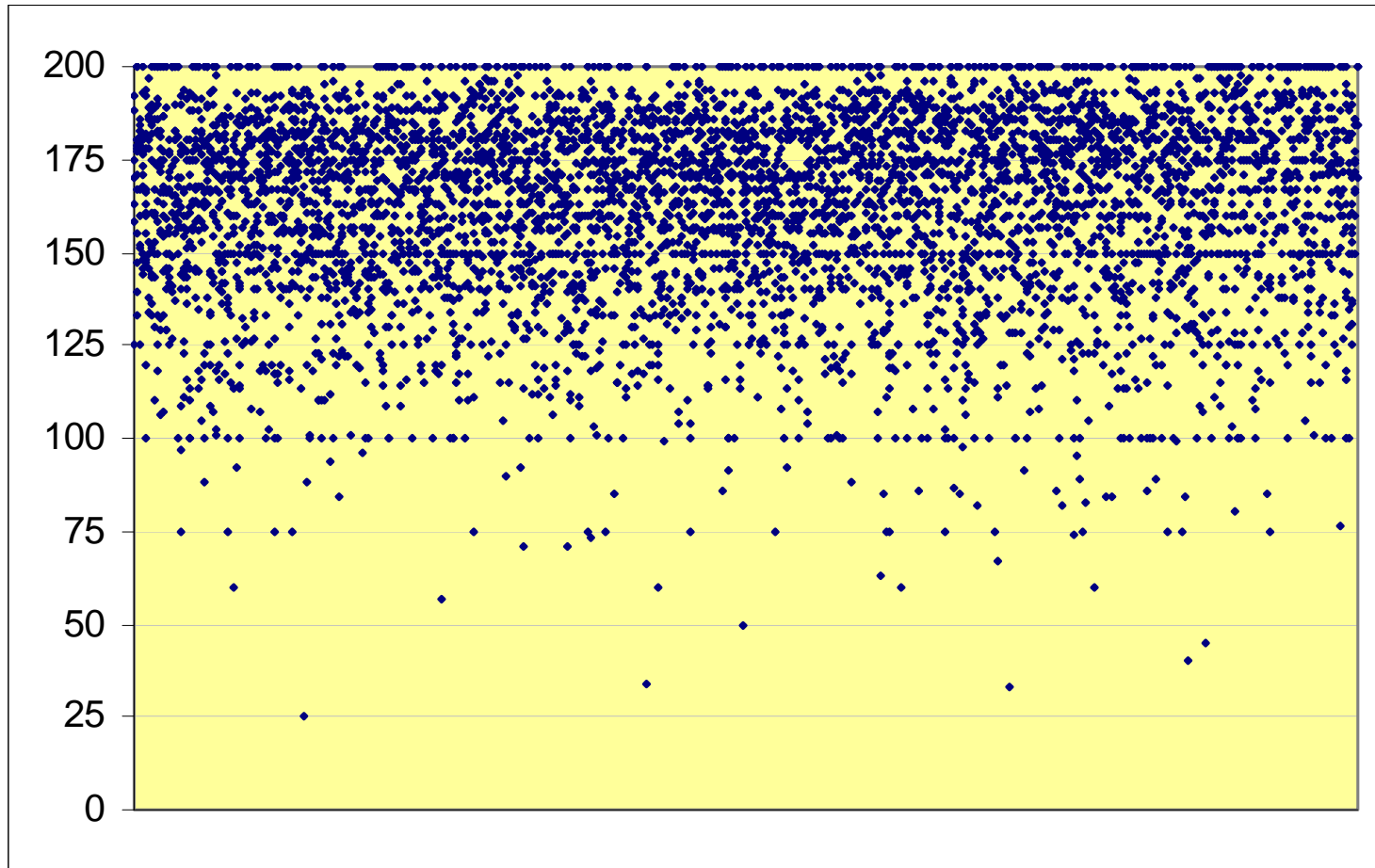


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2008-09 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate Report

2008-09 Program Year Maximum Rate: 200			Readiness Rate History:	
Program Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School-Year <input type="checkbox"/> Summer	2008-09 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate: 189		2007-08	Low Performing Provider: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			2006-07	Low Performing Provider: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Expected Minimum Rate: 138		2005-06	Low Performing Provider: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Children Included in VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate Calculation				
<u>Children Served</u>	<u>Children Meeting Substantial Completion</u>	<u>Children Screened on Any Measure</u>	<u>Children in Readiness Rate Calculation</u>	<u>Percent of Children in Readiness Rate Calculation</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>79</u>
VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate Calculation				
			ECHOS™	FAIR
<u>Children Ready for Kindergarten:</u> ECHOS™: Demonstrating or Emerging Progressing FAIR: Probability of Reading Success: At or Above 67 Percent			19	17
<u>Children Screened:</u> The number of children screened on each of the two measures.			19	19
<u>Percent of Children Ready for Kindergarten:</u> The number of Children Ready for Kindergarten divided by the number of Children Screened on each measure.			100	89
The <u>VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate</u> is the sum of the Percent of Children Ready for Kindergarten.			189	
* No data are displayed when there are less than 10 children				

This is an example -- reviewers as well as the public may review

2008-09 Final Readiness Rates Distribution (5,472)



Minimum Kindergarten Readiness Rate

- Section 1002.69(6), F.S., requires State Board of Education adoption of a minimum kindergarten readiness rate that, **if achieved by a provider would demonstrate the provider's satisfactory delivery of the VPK program.**
- The minimum rate may not exceed the rate at which more than 15% of all providers would fall below the minimum rate.
- 15% or 788/5,472 VPK programs have a 2008-09 Readiness Rate below 138.

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