

# 2007 DOE Regional Legislative Update



## Early Learning

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# CS/HB 509 Children and Youth Cabinet

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- Creates *The Children and Youth Cabinet* comprised of 14 agency directors and representatives of children and youth advocacy organizations, and the Governor
- Requires the first organizational meeting no later than October 1, 2007 and at least six regional meetings each year

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- Requires the Children's Cabinet to:
  - develop and implement a shared and cohesive vision using integrated services
  - develop, no later than December 31, 2007, a strategic plan to achieve the goals of the vision
  - develop and implement measurable outcomes for each state department consistent with the strategic plan
  - design and implement actions that will promote collaboration, creativity, increased efficiency, information sharing, and improved service delivery between and within state governmental organizations
  - foster public awareness of children and youth issues

# HB 509 Children & Youth Cabinet

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- create a children and youth impact statement for evaluating proposed legislation, requested appropriations, and programs
- identify existing and potential funding streams and resources for children's services
- develop a children-and-youth-based budget structure and nomenclature that includes all relevant departments, funding streams, and programs
- engage in other activities that will improve collaboration
- submit an annual report to the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House by February 1 of each year.

# DOE Release of Preliminary VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates

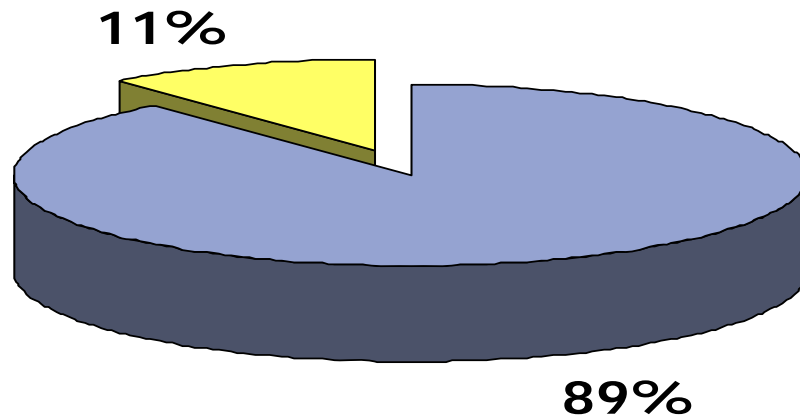
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- *Children who participated in the VPK program performed better on the kindergarten screening than children who did not participate.*
- *Florida's first Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate reflects the performance of 82% of all VPK providers.*
- *Eighty-five percent of Florida's VPK providers earned a readiness rate of 200 or more out of a possible 300 points.*

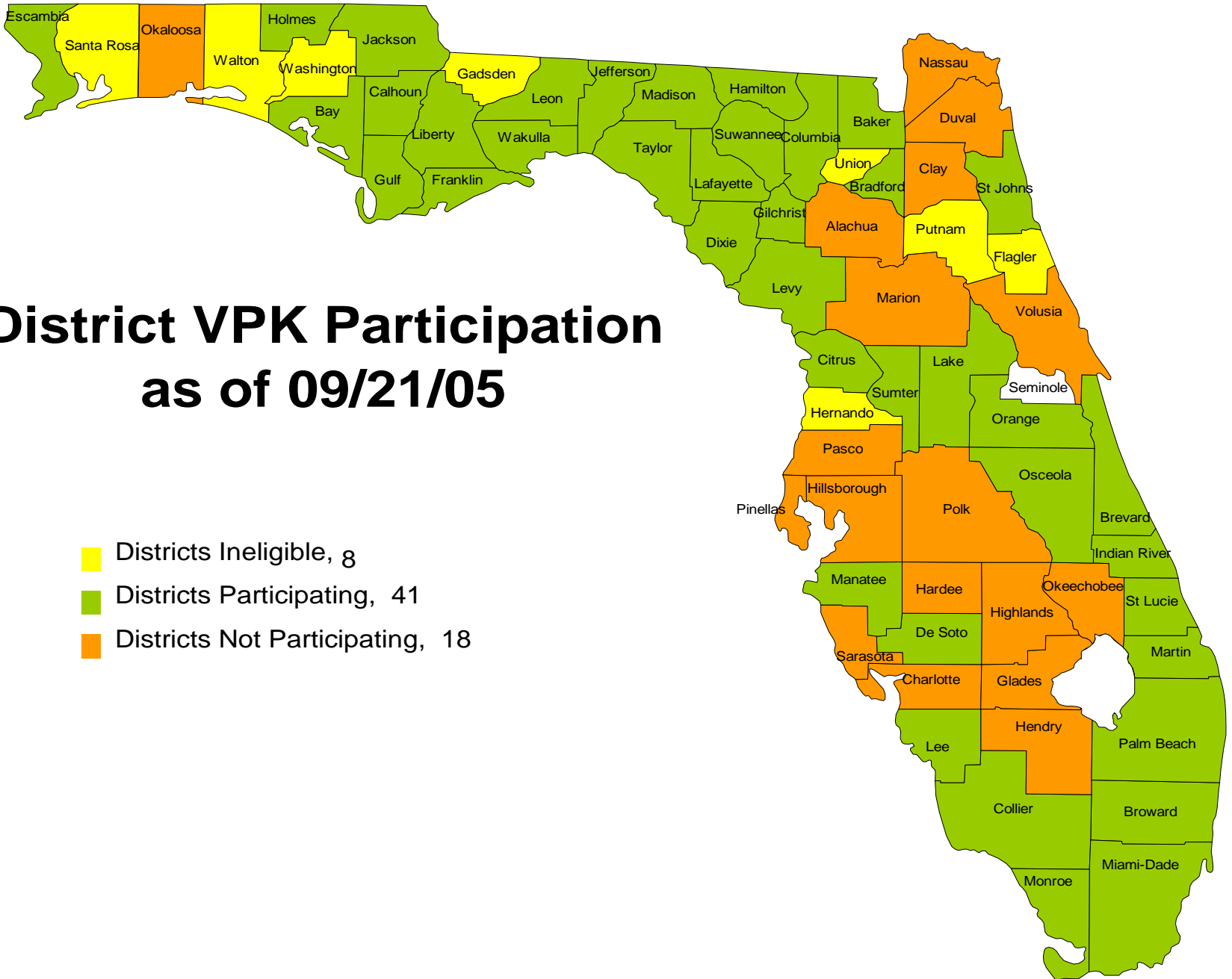
***[vpk.fl DOE .org](http://vpk.fl DOE .org)***

# 2005-06 VPK Statistics

- 100,214 Children in School-Year Programs
- + 12,615 Children in Summer Programs
- 112,829 Total Children Enrolled (51%)



■ School-Year ■ Summer



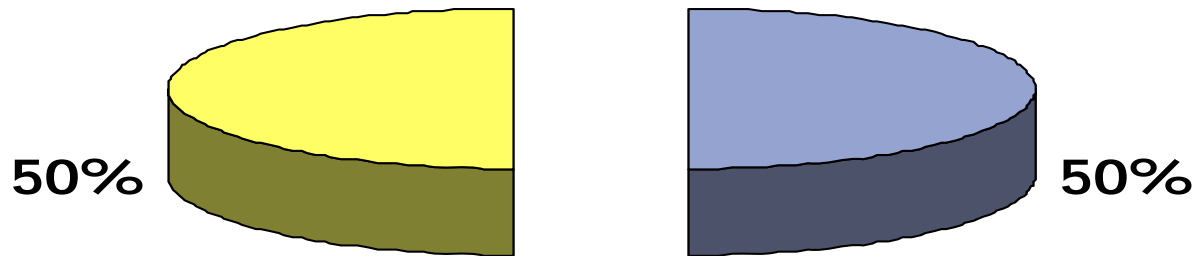
# 2006-07 VPK Statistics

(April 18, 2007)

- 226,832 - Total Number of Four-Year-Olds

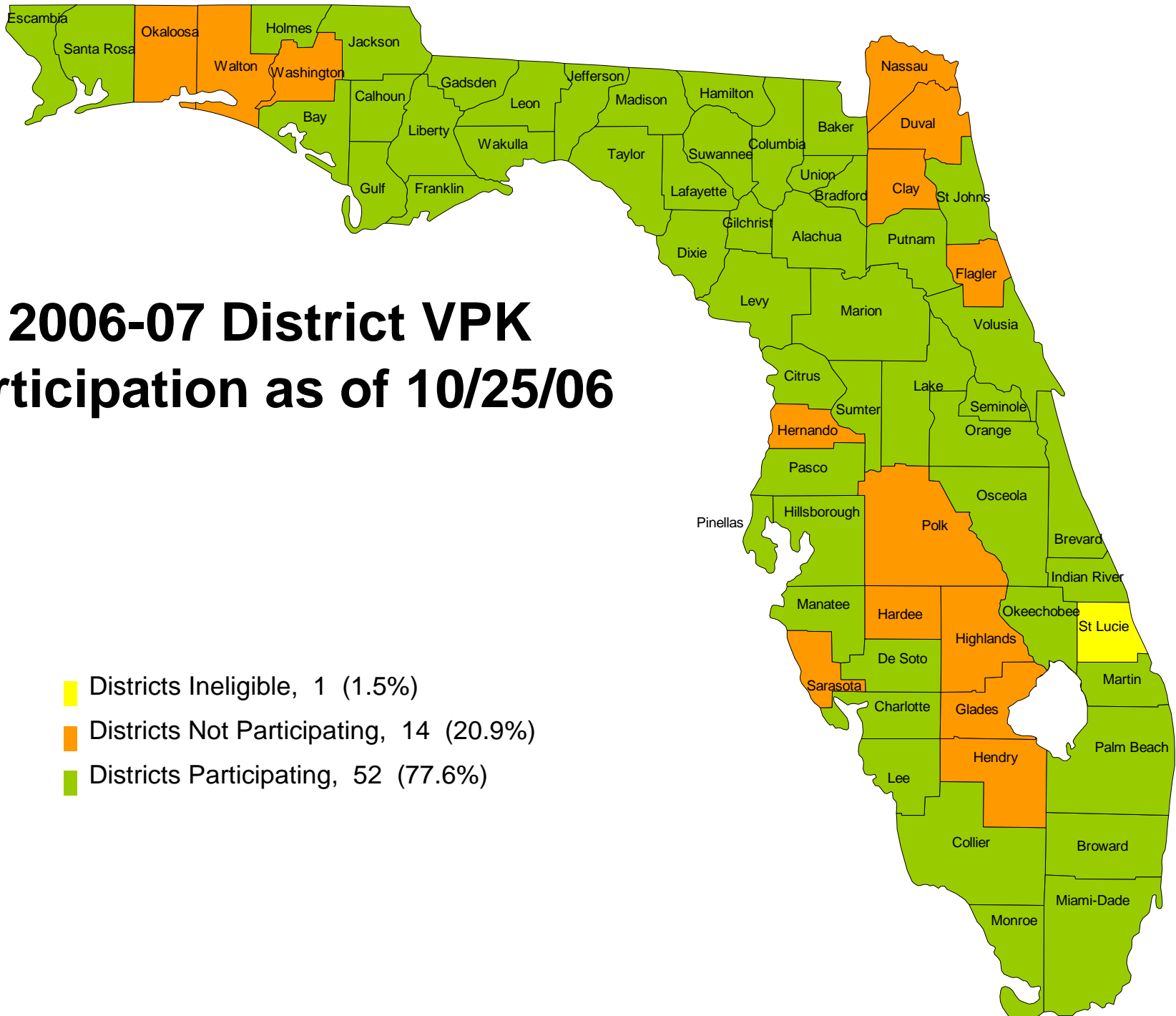
112,917 - School-Year Participants (50%)




+ TBA - Summer Program Participants



■ VPK Participants ■ Non-VPK Participants

# 2006-07 District VPK Participation as of 10/25/06



-  Districts Ineligible, 1 (1.5%)
-  Districts Not Participating, 14 (20.9%)
-  Districts Participating, 52 (77.6%)

# 2007-08 VPK FTE Funding

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- 2006 Appropriations = \$ 388,100,000  
(64.91% @ \$2,560 + 5% Coalition  
Administrative Cost)

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- 2007 Appropriations = \$ 372,529,462  
(60.6%)

- 2007 July and 2007-08 School-Year  
Program  
= \$2,677 X DCD + 5% Coalition Administrative  
Cost

# 2007-08 Appropriations

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- Automation of Kindergarten Screening Data - \$1,633,624
- Early Learning Standards & Accountability - \$1,870,538
  - VPK Regional Facilitators
  - Review of 2005 VPK Standards
  - Professional Development in the Area of Cognitive Development and General Knowledge Professional Development
  - Low Performing Provider Supports via Coalitions

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