

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
October 20, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rules 6M-4.200, School Readiness Eligibility Provisions and 6M-4.208, Documenting Eligibility for the School Readiness Program

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1001.02, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The division oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. DEL is required to submit its proposed rules to the State Board of Education for approval.

DEL is required to comply with lead agency responsibilities in the administration of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund. DEL must implement specific program eligibility requirements. Rules 6M-4.200 and 6M-4.208 currently establish the specific eligibility implementation and documentation requirements of the School Readiness program.

DEL revised the rule text for Rule 6M-4.200, F.A.C., by adding eligibility provisions for families participating in the School Readiness Program with an Intensive Service Account or an Individual Training Account under section 445.009, F.S. Added language complies with statutory changes to s.1002.87(1)(a), F.S. and outlines the authorization period and establishes a purpose for care for these families.

DEL revised the rule text for Rule 6M-4.208, F.A.C., to include families with an Intensive Service Account or an Individual Training Account section 445.009, F.S. to existing eligibility documentation requirements.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed rules 6M-4.200, F.A.C., and 6M-4.208, F.A.C.

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