

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
February 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-8.301, Standard Statewide Provider Contract for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.213(2), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule adopts the standardized format and content of the VPK Provider Contract and the incorporated forms. The VPK Provider contract sets forth the eligibility and program requirements for providers who offer the VPK program. Providers may not offer the VPK program or receive reimbursement until a provider is determined eligible and a VPK Provider Contract is executed between the provider and the Early Learning Coalition (ELC).

The rule text and incorporated forms are amended to comply with statutory changes to Chapter 1002, Part V, Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Programs following the passage of HB 419 and HB 7011. Additional revisions include updates to form names and changing references to the Office of Early Learning to the Department or Division of Early Learning as applicable.

All eligible VPK providers will be required to execute a VPK Provider Contract and implement the program in accordance with sections 1002.55(3)(i), 1002.61(3)(b) and 1002.63(3)(b), F.S.

Rule revisions are being made to comply with statutory changes made to sections 1002.73, 1002.79, 1002.53, 1002.55, 1002.57, 1002.59, 1002.61, 1002.63, 1002.67, 1002.68, 1002.69, 1002.71 and 1002.72, F.S., following the passing of HB 419 and HB 7011.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-8.301, F.A.C. Forms DEL-VPK 20, Standard Statewide VPK Provider Contract (March 2022); DEL-VPK 20A, Amendment to Statewide VPK Provider Contract (March 2022); DEL-VPK 20PP, Statewide VPK Provider Contract Private Provider Attachment Form (March 2022); DEL-VPK 20PS Statewide VPK Provider Contract Public School Attachment Form (March 2022); and DEL-VPK 20B VPK Logotype Usage and Brand Guidelines (March 2022) (under separate cover)

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