

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
February 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-8.615, VPK Training Requirements

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.213(2), 1002.73(2)(b), and 1002.79, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule establishes the minimum standards for courses in emergent literacy and the VPK performance standards as well as defines the required training courses individuals are required to complete to qualify as VPK Instructors.

The rule text and the incorporated form will be amended to comply with statutory changes to sections 1002.55(3)(c)2., 1002.59(1), 1002.61(4) and 1002.63(4), F.S. Minimum course standards will be aligned to statute and training course options will be outlined on incorporated Form DEL-VPK 25. Additional revisions include changing references to the Office of Early Learning to the Department or Division of Early Learning as applicable.

Individuals seeking to become VPK Instructors will be required to complete all VPK Training requirements outlined in the rule. Current VPK Instructors will be required to complete additional approved training to meet the minimum training requirements established in the rule.

Rule revisions are being made to comply with statutory changes made to sections 1002.55(3)(c)2., 1002.59(1), 1002.61(4) and 1002.63(4), F.S., following the passage of House Bill (HB) 419 and HB 7011.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-8.615, F.A.C. and Form DEL-VPK 25 (March 2022), Training Requirements for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Instructors

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