

### **6M-8.615 VPK Training Requirements.**

(1) In accordance with section 1002.59(1), F.S., the Department of Education (Department) in collaboration with the Just Read Florida! Office ~~Office of Early Learning (Office)~~ adopts the following minimum standards for training courses in emergent literacy for prekindergarten instructors.:

(a) The minimum standards shall:

1. Align to the performance standards for students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program adopted in Rule 6M-8.602;

2. Include evidence-based content and instructional strategies;

3. Include content on the development of early learning skills, oral communication, knowledge of print and letters, phonological and phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension development, and explicit and systematic instruction;

4. Include multisensory approaches;

5. Include a pre- and post-assessment to measure participant learning outcomes; and

6. Include facilitator interaction and follow-up for online courses.

(b) ~~(a)~~ The training course(s) content must contain evidence-based instructional strategies ~~instruction~~ in emergent reading with the goal that the participant will be able to:

1. through 4. No Change.

5. Understand instructional strategies that meet the needs of students with varying abilities.

(c) ~~(b)~~ The training course(s) content must contain evidence-based instructional strategies ~~instruction~~ in language and communication with the goal that the participant will be able to:

1. through 5. No Change.

(d) ~~(c)~~ The training course(s) content must contain instruction in evidence-based instructional strategies in emergent writing with the goal that the participant will be able to:

1. through 3. No Change.

(e) As used in this rule, “evidence-based” means demonstrating a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes.

(2) In accordance with section 1002.59(2), F.S., the Department ~~Office~~ adopts the following minimum standards for training course(s) in performance standards.:

~~(a)~~ The training course(s) must contain instruction in the

performance standards for students in the VPK Education Program Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards: 4 Years Old to Kindergarten (October 2017) as adopted in rule 6M-8.602, F.A.C., that does the following:

(a) ~~1.~~ Discusses the purpose, history, and development of the performance standards for students in the VPK Education Program Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards: 4 Years Old to Kindergarten (October 2017);

(b) ~~2.~~ Leads participants to identify the domains, components, standards, and benchmarks in the performance standards for students in the VPK Education Program Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards: 4 Years Old to Kindergarten (October 2017); and,

(c) ~~3.~~ Demonstrates how developmentally appropriate daily practices relate to the standards found in the performance standards for students in the VPK Education Program Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards: 4 Years Old to Kindergarten (October 2017).

(3) As required by section 1002.55(3)(c)2., F.S., the Department Office adopts the courses relating to emergent literacy and performance standards listed in Form DEL-VPK 25 (May 2022) Training Requirements for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Instructors, Training Requirements: VPK Instructors (with CDA or equivalent), Form OEL-VPK 25 (October 2018), which is hereby incorporated by reference and may be obtained as described in rule 6M-8.900, F.A.C., or found at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09853>.

(a) The course listed in Form DEL OEL-VPK 25 relating to emergent literacy meets the relative minimum standards for emergent literacy in section 1002.59(1), F.S.

(b) The courses listed in Form DEL OEL-VPK 25 relating to performance standards for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) instructors meets the minimum standards for performance standards in section 1002.59(2), F.S.

*Rulemaking Authority ~~1001.213(2)~~, 1002.59, 1002.79 FS. Law Implemented 1002.55(3)(c)2., 1002.59 FS. History-New 7-1-15, Amended 10-21-18.*