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**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-8.621, F.A.C.,  
Program Assessment Requirements for the Voluntary  
Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program**

**State Board of Education**

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## Rule 6M-8.621, F.A.C.

- Invests in educator quality.
- Provides children with greater access to high-quality learning environments.
- Supports success in early grades.
- Prepares more students to be Kindergarten ready.

## Rule 6M-8.621, F.A.C.

- Requires that that all VPK providers annually participate in a program assessment of each VPK classroom.
- Requires that program assessments occur during VPK instructional hours and with the approved VPK instructor present.
- Requires Early Learning Coalitions be responsible for the administration of the program assessments.
- Establishes timeframes for which program assessments must occur.

## Rule 6M-8.621, F.A.C.

- Establishes observer requirements including required certification and program assessment reporting.
- Defines the minimum Composite Program Assessment Score that a VPK program must receive as 4.00 and establishes the Contract Minimum Threshold.
- Provides procedures for second assessment requests.

## Rule 6M-8.621, F.A.C.

- Establishes the frequency and circumstances, such as ownership changes, that would initiate a program assessment.
- Provides the Composite Program Assessment Score calculation method and required provider notification procedures.



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# Approval of Rule 6M-8.620, F.A.C., Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring Program

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## Rule 6M-8.620, F.A.C.

- Defines the coordinated screening and progress monitoring program
- Establishes the administration windows (PM1, PM2, and PM3)
- Defines the test administrator role
- VPK Provider Responsibilities
  - Requires all VPK programs participate in administering the coordinated screening and progress monitoring a minimum of three times within a program type.

## Rule 6M-8.620, F.A.C.

- VPK Provider Responsibilities continued...
  - Requires all VPK programs provide student performance results to student parents within seven days of administration.
  - Requires assessment administration be on a touchscreen device using student headphones when administration occurs in group sizes between two and five students.
  - Establishes test administrator requirements
    - Employment by a VPK provider
    - Successful completion of required training

## Rule 6M-8.620, F.A.C.

- VPK Provider Responsibilities continued...
  - Requires the assessment be administered in English
  - Establishes criteria for testing accommodations for students with an Individual Educational Plan or 504 plan.
- Early Learning Coalition (ELC) and School District Responsibilities
  - Requires ELC verification of test administrator qualifications
  - Requires ELC and school districts to identify staff who will serve as program administrators

## Rule 6M-8.620, F.A.C.

- Early Learning Coalition (ELC) and School District Responsibilities continued...
  - Requires the ELC to verify VPK programs administration of the assessment for each administration window and document attempts to notify programs who have not administered the assessment.



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