



# Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK) Rules

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## VPK Rule Revisions

- Implement new statewide progress monitoring system and program assessment
- Promote high-quality child care programs
- Promote emergent literacy and early math skills
- Foster kindergarten readiness

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

- VPK providers must participate in coordinated screening and progress monitoring (CSPM) as required by Florida Statutes (s. 1002.68, F.S.).
- Establishes VPK private provider and public school responsibilities for CSPM administration and accountability requirements outlined in sections 1002.68 and 1008.25, F.S.

## **Rule 6M-8.620, F.A.C. - Proposed Revisions**

- Revises test administration timeframes to address VPK nontraditional school-year calendars and summer programs.
- Requires test administrators annually complete training designed to ensure the proper administration of the CSPM.
- Provides more flexibility with administration of the CSPM by removing the requirement that a touchscreen device is required to be utilized.
- Clarifies test administrator and early learning coalition and school district responsibilities.

## **Rule 6M-8.621, F.A.C., Program Assessment Requirements for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program**

- VPK providers must participate in a program assessment of each VPK classroom as required by Florida Statutes (s. 1002.68, F.S.).
- The rule establishes:
  - Private and public VPK program assessment responsibilities;
  - The minimum threshold score for program participation;
  - The program assessment composite score calculation for accountability; and
  - Outlines program assessment scheduling procedures.

## **Rule 6M-8.621, F.A.C. - Proposed Revisions**

- Clarifies who must be present in the VPK classroom for a program assessment to occur.
- Extends the number of business days an observer has to enter and save all dimension scores and notes into the FDOE-approved vendor system.
- Adds language to allow for classroom scores and notes to be shared with observed VPK personnel, upon request.
- Clarifies the method for calculating the composite program assessment score for program assessments administered for the second time.
- Clarifies procedures for scheduling observations.



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