

Ryan Petty, *Chair*
MaryLynn Magar, *Vice Chair*
Members
Grazie P. Christie
Layla Collins
Daniel P. Foganholi, Sr.
Erika Fritz-Ochs
Luis Fuste

Contact Information:

Kristine Parker
850-717-8551
Kristine.Parker@del.fldoe.org
DPS: 2026-112

MEMORANDUM

TO: Early Learning Coalition Executive Directors
School District Superintendents

FROM: Katerina Maroney

DATE: August 14, 2026

SUBJECT: **2025-2026 School Year Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Accountability**

In accordance with Section 1002.68, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6M-8.622, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Provider Performance Metric and Designation, the Department has published the performance metrics and designations for VPK providers that delivered VPK during the 2025-2026 school year program. This is the second year that performance metrics and designations are being applied as part of the new VPK accountability system.

The 2025-2026 school year VPK provider performance metrics and designations are posted on the Division of Early Learning's VPK Accountability webpage (<https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/vpk-accountability.stml>); 6,053 providers earned a designation or an incomplete status for the 2025-2026 school year, with the following results:

- **90%** of providers met or exceeded expectations.
- **5%** of providers did not meet expectations and are placed on probation.
- **5%** of providers received an incomplete status.

Designation	Percent of Providers	Provider Count
Excellent	39%	2,373
Above Expectations	32%	1,931
Meets Expectations	19%	1,176
Below Expectations	4%	214
Unsatisfactory	1%	29
Incomplete	5%	330

KATERINA MARONEY

INTERIM CHANCELLOR, DIVISION OF EARLY LEARNING

The VPK accountability system sets clear expectations that VPK providers must provide quality care and education to increase kindergarten readiness. The accountability system will also inform Florida families and the public whether VPK providers are meeting those expectations, celebrate providers that are meeting or exceeding expectations and direct additional resources and supports to low performing providers to help them improve.

Beginning in the 2025-2026 VPK program year, providers on probation and providers that received an incomplete status for the 2024-2025 VPK program year were required to comply with the requirements of Rule 6M-8.700, F.A.C.

- 84% of the providers on probation (based on 2024-2025 performance) that participated in the 2025-2026 school year VPK program received a designation of meets expectations or higher for 2025-2026.
- 72% of the providers that received an incomplete status (based on 2024-2025 performance) that participated in the 2025-2026 school year VPK program received a designation of meets expectations or higher for 2025-2026.

Performance metrics and designations for 2025-2026 summer VPK programs will be released in September.

Questions may be emailed to VPKQuestions@del.fldoe.org.

KM/kp