

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
November 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.200, School Readiness Eligibility Provisions

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02(1), (2)(n), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The division oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. DEL is required to submit its proposed rules to the State Board of Education for approval.

DEL is required to comply with lead agency responsibilities in the administration of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund. DEL must implement specific program eligibility requirements. Rule 6M-4.200, F.A.C., establishes specific eligibility implementation of the School Readiness Program.

DEL amended Rule 6M-4.200, F.A.C., by replacing the household income threshold for entry into the School Readiness Program with a statutory reference and revising the definition for children with special needs. Revised language complies with statutory changes to ss. 1002.81 and 1002.87, F.S., resulting from the passage of House Bill 1255 and Senate Bill 1102. Revisions also remove graduated phase-out requirements from the rule as it is detailed in Rule 6M-4.400, F.A.C., Required Parent Copayments.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-4.200, F.A.C.

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