

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
November 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.400, Required Parent Copayment

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.84(9), F.S.

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. Section 1002.84, F.S., requires the Department of Education to establish a sliding fee scale that increases in relation to family income for School Readiness participants.

The rule is being amended to update criteria for assessing a School Readiness (SR) parent copayment for initial and subsequent eligibility determinations to align with updated state statutory requirements in House Bill 1255. Revisions also clarify the process for transferring SR services when there is an outstanding parent copayment.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-4.400, F.A.C.

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