

Substantial rewording of Rule 6M-8.210 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

6M-8.210 Reenrollment in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program.

(1) General Reenrollment Conditions: “Reenrollment” means a child has attended a portion of the VPK instructional hours, withdraws from that VPK provider where the child had initially attended and enrolls with a new VPK provider. A VPK child may only reenroll as described in this rule.

(a) A child may only reenroll with a VPK provider during the program year(s) for which the child is eligible in accordance with Section 1002.53(2), F.S.

(b) A child cannot be enrolled simultaneously with multiple VPK providers.

(c) A child may reenroll only once in the VPK program unless the child is granted a reenrollment exemption as permitted by Section 1002.71(4), F.S.

(d) The following circumstances that occur before a VPK program’s scheduled instructional hours have completed do not constitute a reenrollment under this rule:

1. When the VPK provider that a child is attending is sold or transferred during the VPK program, and the new owner continues providing VPK services at the same physical location.

2. When a child’s VPK provider executes a new Statewide Provider Contract during the program year.

3. When the owner of a VPK provider moves the physical location and staff of the VPK program.

(2) Reenrollment for Good Cause. “Reenrollment for good cause” means a reenrollment within the same VPK program type (school-year or summer) during the same VPK program year. For funding purposes, a child who reenrolls under this subsection must not exceed one full-time equivalent (FTE) student, as defined by Section 1002.71(2), F.S. To qualify for this reenrollment, the child has attended a portion of the VPK program and has not previously reenrolled in the VPK program. The parent must submit a completed reenrollment request within the single statewide information system (SSIS).

(3) Reenrollment for Extreme Hardship. “Reenrollment for extreme hardship” means a reenrollment from a school-year VPK program to a summer VPK program for a circumstance that is beyond the child’s or parent’s control during the same VPK program year. For funding purposes, a child who reenrolls under this subsection may exceed one full-time equivalent (FTE) student, as defined by Section 1002.71(2), F.S. To qualify for this reenrollment, the child has attended a portion of the school-year VPK program, has not previously reenrolled in the

VPK program and meets one of the circumstances for extreme hardship provided in this subsection. The parent must submit a completed reenrollment request within the single statewide information system (SSIS), including submission of the required supporting documentation evidencing extreme hardship:

(a) The illness of the child, a family member which the child's parent is responsible for caring for, or the child's parent, as documented in writing by a physician licensed under Chapters 458 or 459, F.S., if it would result in the child being absent for more than 30 percent of the number of hours in the program type in which the child is enrolled.

(b) Termination of the child's VPK class as a result of the provider's removal from eligibility to offer the VPK program, as documented by the early learning coalition.

(c) Parent's inability to meet the basic needs of the child, including, but not limited to, a lack of food, shelter, clothing, or transportation, as documented in writing by a federal, state, or local governmental official.

(d) VPK provider's inability to meet the child's educational needs due to the child's learning or developmental disability, as documented by a federal, state, or local governmental official.

(e) VPK provider's inability to meet the child's health needs, as documented by a physician licensed under Chapters 458 or 459, F.S., or a federal, state, or local governmental official.

(f) Displacement of the child from his or her place of residence, or closure of the child's VPK provider as a result of a state of emergency as declared by a federal, state, or local governmental official.

(g) A temporary or permanent change in parent custody or guardianship, supported by legal documentation such as a court order or official documentation from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or DCF-contracted agency. This includes an at-risk child care authorization that documents the guardianship change.

(4) Reenrollment Exemption. "Reenrollment exemption" means an exemption to the one-time reenrollment in the VPK program as established in Section 1002.71(4), F.S. For funding purposes, a child who reenrolls under this subsection within the same VPK program type during the same VPK program year continues to utilize the full-time equivalent (FTE) student funding provided under the child's previous reenrollment and a child who reenrolls into a different VPK program type for a circumstance that is beyond the child's or parent's control during the same VPK program year may exceed one full-time equivalent student funding. To qualify for this reenrollment, the child has previously reenrolled in the VPK program under subsection (2) or (3) of this rule. The parent must submit a completed reenrollment request within the single statewide information system (SSIS), including submission of the

required supporting documentation, as applicable.

(5) Reenrollment for Children in the VPK Specialized Instructional Services (SIS) Program. Changing VPK SIS providers while enrolled in the SIS program type does not constitute a reenrollment under this rule. A child may reenroll under subsection (2) or (3) of this rule from a school-year or summer program type to a VPK SIS program or from a VPK SIS program to a school-year or summer program type during the same VPK program year. A child may also qualify for a reenrollment under subsections (4) and (6) of this rule. However, a child may not reenroll from a VPK SIS school-year program type to a VPK SIS summer program type under subsection (3) of this rule.

(6) Reenrollment into a Subsequent Program Year. For funding purposes, a child who reenrolls under this subsection must not exceed one FTE student, as defined by Section 1002.71(2), F.S. The remaining FTE will be calculated as the total FTE hours for the child's most recent reenrollment minus the hours the child has expended, including paid absences. To qualify for this reenrollment, the child has attended a portion of a program year's VPK program, has attained the age of 4 years old between February 2 and September 1 of his or her initial program year of eligibility, as described in Section 1002.53(2), F.S., has not been admitted to kindergarten and will reenroll into the following VPK program year. The parent must submit a completed reenrollment request within the single statewide information system (SSIS).

(7) Early Learning Coalition Responsibilities.

(a) The early learning coalition must process reenrollment requests submitted in the SSIS. Following approval, parents will access the reenrollment certificate within the SSIS.

(b) If a parent applies for his or her child to be reenrolled in a VPK program that is not in the same coalition service area as the child's current enrollment, both coalitions must coordinate to process the reenrollment request.

(c) If a child's reenrollment request involves a change of guardianship, the coalition must require the new guardian to submit supporting documentation such as a court order or official documentation from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or DCF-contracted agency, to verify the change in guardianship before granting a reenrollment under this rule.

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