

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.610, Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1002.82(2)(m), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department 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, which includes provider eligibility. Section 1002.82(2)(m), F.S., requires the department to establish by rule a standard statewide provider contract to be used with each School Readiness provider. Rule 6M-4.610, F.A.C., establishes the standard statewide provider contract and contract provisions.

DEL amended the rule text, Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program by updating the dates on incorporated rule forms that will be applicable at the time the rule becomes effective and for the 2026-27 contract year and make technical changes. DEL also updated Form DEL-SR 20 and made technical changes to all rule forms incorporated by reference.

DEL amended Form DEL-SR 20, Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program, by revising the description of child care home provider types to align with Section 1002.88(1)(a), F.S.; contract suspensions for disaster recovery, and the SR Plus Program; updating qualifications for certified coaches; adding provider site waiver to qualifying program assessment exemption; clarifying indemnification provisions for child development programs on military installations and copayment collection requirements; and removing special needs rate from the provider reimbursement rate table. Revisions also clarify contract amendments related to program assessment score changes.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-4.610, F.A.C.

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