

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-8.301, Statewide Provider Contract for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Ss 1001.02(2)(n), 1002.73(1), 1002.79, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rule 6M-8.301, F.A.C., establishes the statewide VPK contract for private providers and school districts and adopts incorporated forms by reference in accordance with s. 1002.73(1), F.S. Childcare providers and public schools complete a VPK provider application through the single statewide information system, known as the provider portal, to apply to be a VPK provider. Once eligibility has been determined and the provider's application is approved, the statewide VPK contract is made available to the provider via the provider portal for contract execution.

Rule text is amended to update references to the incorporated forms for consistency, update the form dates and remove language that directs individuals to the department for copies of the incorporated forms. Additionally, rule forms are amended to revise specific paragraphs of the statewide provider contract pertaining to contract terms, provider deliverables, accountability provisions, indemnification and contract exhibit.

The department adopted new and revised rules for the VPK accountability system to align with s. 1002.68, F.S., which require updates to the Statewide Provider Contract for the VPK Program for alignment. Additional revisions were necessary to provide consistency across all referenced rules and update VPK provider deliverables outlined in the contract.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-8.301, F.A.C.

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