



Early Learning Coalition VPK Information for 2026-2027



Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) is a FREE program to prepare 4-year-olds for success in Kindergarten and beyond. To qualify, parents/guardians must be Florida residents and children must be 4 years old on or before 09/01/2026. The child's date of birth must fall between 09/02/21 and 09/01/22. Additionally, a child who resides in Florida and turns 4 between February 2 and September 1 may attend VPK either the 2026-2027 program year or the 2027-2028 program year.

Parents/guardians **MUST** provide **ONE** document from **EACH** of the two categories below to be issued a certificate for their child:

PROOF OF CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH

1. Original or certified copy of the child's birth certificate or birth record filed according to law with the appropriate public officer
2. Original or certified copy of the child's certificate of baptism or other religious record of the child's birth, accompanied by a notarized affidavit stating that the certificate is true and correct, sworn to or affirmed by the child's parent
3. An insurance policy on the child's life which has been in force for at least two years
4. A passport or certificate of the child's arrival in the United States
5. An immunization record signed by a public health officer or licensed practicing physician
6. A valid military dependent ID card or a federal or state government issued ID card
7. If no supporting docs above are available, please contact our office for alternative documentation

PROOF OF FLORIDA RESIDENCY

1. Utility (electric, gas, water), cable, internet, home or cellular phone bill within 12 months of the date of the application
2. Pay stub dated within 12 months of the date of the application
3. Residential rental agreement or receipt from rental payment dated within 12 months of the date of the application
4. Government-issued document (e.g, FL driver's license, FL ID card or property tax assessment showing homestead exemption)
5. Military order showing the child's parent is a service member in the US Armed Forces and is assigned to duty in Florida when the child attends the VPK Program
6. Federal government order showing the child's parent is a federal employee assigned to work in Florida when the child attends the VPK Program
7. FL Migrant Education Program Cert of Eligibility (COE) from the Florida Department of Education
8. If no supporting docs above are available, or the child is experiencing homelessness (as defined by Section 1003.01(12), F.S.), please contact our office for alternative documentation

Parents or legal guardians may apply for a VPK certificate for their child online starting January 1st, 2026:

<https://familyservices.floridaeearlylearning.com>

You may also apply for a VPK reenrollment online at the website listed above.

***Due to high volume of VPK applications we ask for your patience as we review and approve applications. ***

Please note ALL eligible children will receive a Certificate for Enrollment.

We offer 2 computer kiosks in our Shalimar Office to our parents during normal business hours.

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Monday-Thursday

7:30 am - 5:00 pm