

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)



Florida's **FREE** [Voluntary Prekindergarten \(VPK\) Program](#) prepares early learners for kindergarten and builds the foundation for their future educational success.

To be eligible, a child must:

- Reside in Florida **and**
- Be 4 years old on or before September 1

Parents can choose from private childcare centers or public schools and from school-year or summer programs. Parents of 4- or 5-year-olds with special needs have an option outside of the classroom setting; this option is VPK Specialized Instructional Services (SIS).

Next Steps:

1) **Collect the needed documents.**

Gather one document that shows your child's age and one document that shows your current address. [List of acceptable documents](#)

2) **Apply for VPK online through [Florida's Early Learning Family Portal - Create Account](#)**

Create an account to submit a VPK application for your 4 or 5 year old child. Remember to upload the document that shows your child's age and the document that shows your current address. Be sure to type your child's name, your name, and your current address (no P.O. boxes) on the VPK application **exactly** as this information appears on the documents you have collected.

3) **Get your child's VPK certificate.**

Once you receive an email that the ELC approved your child's VPK application, log onto the portal to print a copy of your child's VPK certificate. Then sign and take that certificate to your chosen VPK provider to register your child.