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<u>Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten</u> <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)</u>



A: Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is a free educational program that helps your child be ready for kindergarten. VPK helps build a solid foundation for school using educational materials appropriate for various stages in your child's development.

Q: What is the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program?-

A: To be eligible for VPK, children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current school year. If their fourth birthday falls February 2 through September 1 in a calendar year, parents can postpone enrolling their child in VPK that year and wait until the following year when their child is 5.

Q: Who is eligible for the program?



A: •The state of Florida offers two types of VPK Programs. • The school year VPK program is 540 instructional hours and the Summer VPK program is 300 instructional hours. •Your child can ONLY participate in one of the VPK programs.

Q: What types of VPK Programs are there?



A: The school-year VPK is a half- day program, usually, 3 to 4 hours per day. The Summer VPK program is a full day. You should speak with your selected VPK provider about schedules.

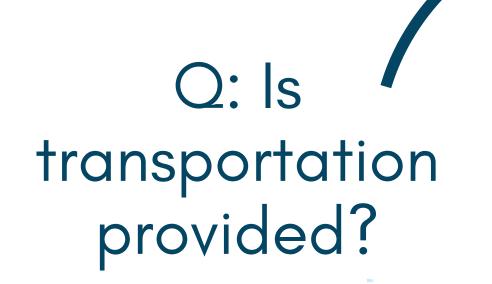
Q: Is VPK an all-day program?

A: You will need to visit the Early Learning Coalition of NW Florida's website <u>https://elcnwf.org/</u> – from homescreen –apply for VPK – upload required documents, complete the application, and submit. A Family Support Specialist will review your application.

Q: How do I apply for VPK? Q: My child is going to VPK with the school district. I'm told I need a certificate of eligibility. How do I get one? A: You will need to visit the Early Learning Coalition of NW Florida's website <u>https://elcnwf.org/</u> – from homescreen –apply for VPK – upload required documents, complete the application, and submit. A Family Support Specialist will review your application.

> Q: What documents do I need for VPK?

A: You will need – proof of Florida residency, and proof of your child's age.



A: No. Florida law specifies that families are responsible for transportation to and from the VPK program

Q: Where are VPK classes held?

A: School districts provideVPK classes along with private childcare centers.