



WHAT IS VPK?

The Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) was implemented in 2002 in order to give **ALL** of Florida's four-year-olds access to a quality prekindergarten educational experience. The VPK program is **FREE** to families and does not have any income requirements or restrictions.

The Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) is designed to prepare Florida's children for kindergarten and develop the skills they need to become good readers and successful students. VPK includes standards for literacy skills, strict accountability, appropriate curricula, substantial instruction periods, manageable class sizes and qualified instructors. Parents have the option of enrolling children in a school-year program that consists of 540 instructional hours, OR a summer program, consisting of 300 instructional hours.

SUMMER VPK REGISTRATION



Registration for the **Hillsborough County Public Schools' 2017 VPK Summer Program** is now open (see location list below). To be eligible, your child must be 5 by September 1, 2017 and born between February 2, 2011 and September 1, 2012. Child may not have previously participated in a VPK program.

Registration is a 2-Step process. Parents will complete an online application and submit (via online upload) proof of residence and proof of birth. (See directions and website address below!) After a few days, the parent will receive an email directing them back to the application website where they will access their Certificate of Eligibility. Parents will print this certificate and take it to the Summer VPK school site of their choice.

Assistance with the online application will be available at all Hillsborough County Public School site's offering the VPK Summer program.

SCHOOL	PHONE	ADDRESS	CITY
Alexander	872-5395	5602 N Lois Avenue	Tampa
Bailey	707-7531	4630 Gallagher Road	Dover
Bellamy	872-5387	9720 Wilsky Blvd.	Tampa
Bing	744-8088	6409 36th Avenue South	Tampa
Boyette Springs	671-5060	10141 Sedgebrook Drive	Riverview
Bryan	757-9300	2006 West Oak Avenue	Plant City
Chiles	558-5422	16541 Tampa Palms Blvd.	Tampa
Cleveland	276-5583	723 E. Hamilton Ave	Tampa
Cypress Creek	671-5167	4040 19th Ave N.E.	Ruskin
Edison	276-5579	1607 E. Curtis St	Tampa
Gorrie	276-5673	705 W. De Leon St	Tampa
Mango	744-8208	4220 HWY 579	Seffner
Miles	975-7337	317 East 124th Ave	Tampa
Mintz	744-8353	1510 Heather Lakes Blvd	Brandon
Mitchell	872-5216	205 Bungalow Park	Tampa
Mort	975-7373	1806 Bearss Ave East	Tampa
Reddick	634-0809	325 West Lake Drive	Wimauma
Shaw	975-7366	11311 N 15 th Street	Tampa
Sheehy	233-3800	6402 North 40th Street	Tampa
Sulphur Springs	975-7305	8412 13th Street	Tampa
Summerfield	671-5115	11990 Big Bend Rd	Riverview
Trapnell	757-9313	1605 West Trapnell	Plant City
Washington, BT	233-3720	1407 Estelle St	Tampa
West Tampa	872-5200	2700 W. Cherry St	Tampa
Wimauma	671-5159	5709 Hickman	Wimauma

ONLINE APPLICATION INFORMATION

www.elhc.org

Click on “Families”

From the dropdown, select “VPK for Families”

VPK registrations/applications are now completed electronically/online. The online registration system is currently available for children registering for:

- 1) 2016-2017 Summer Program
- 2) 2017-2018 School Year

To be eligible for the upcoming Summer 2017 VPK Program, your child must have been born between February 2, 2011 and September 1, 2012.

To be eligible for the 2017-2018 School Year, your child must have been born between February 2, 2012 and September 1, 2013.

So that your online registration goes as smoothly as possible, make certain that you have the following:

- An active email address that you check frequently
- Proof of your child's date of birth (digital copy)
- Proof of Florida residency (digital copy)
- Access to a scanner or digital camera (can be a smart phone) so that you can send digital copies of your documents to yourself or to your computer
- Your child's social security number (providing this is optional)
- Access to a printer to print out your VPK Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

Once you begin the online registration process you will be guided through a series of steps:

1. You will establish a login and using your email address.
2. You will enter all of the information for the application.
3. You will upload and submit the required documents electronically in a digital format.
4. Check your email within 2-3 days. If there are issues with the application or documents submitted, you'll receive an email message telling what you need to do to move your application forward. If there are no issues with the application or required documents, you'll receive an email message telling you that your application is approved and that the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is ready. The COE is your 'ticket' to the VPK program of your choice. *(Make sure that your spam filters aren't blocking these emails!)*
NOTE: You may check the status of your application at any time by simply logging in to the system using the same login information used when you initiated the registration process.
5. Print out and take your VPK Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the VPK Provider of your choice.

If you need assistance completing the online application, please bring the required registration documentation (proof of residence and birth) to a VPK site listed above.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, simply call the School District VPK Hotline at 813-272-4840.

