

## **What is Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)?**

The Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program -- or VPK -- prepares early learners for success in kindergarten and beyond. VPK helps build a strong foundation for school using educational material corresponding to various stages in a child's development.

To be eligible, children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year. [Effective July 1, 2016, a new law](#) lets parents whose children are born between Feb. 2 and Sept. 1 of the calendar year postpone enrolling their 4-year-old until the following year when their child is 5. Parents can choose from different educational settings and [various program options](#). Private child care centers, public schools and specialized instructional services providers offer VPK.

## **Which VPK voucher is right for my child?**

### **Traditional VPK**

- Child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1 of the current year
- Child must reside in Florida
- In-classroom instruction** at a public school, ESE VPK, or private VPK provider
- Two sessions to choose from:  
School Year: 540 hours of instruction  
Summer: 300 hours of instruction
- No cost to families  
(Wrap around care may be available for an additional fee)

### **Specialize Instructional Services (VPK-SIS)**

- Child must have a current IEP from their local school district
- Child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1 of the current year
- Child must reside in Florida
- Funds to utilize for in-person therapy with VPK-SIS contracted providers that supports child's IEP goals; **Does not pay for in-classroom instruction**
- Two sessions to choose from:  
School Year: 14 calendar days before Labor Day – June 30  
Summer: May 1– 15 calendar days before Labor Day
- No cost to families

**For more information the Warm-line:  
(407) 960-2481**