

FACT SHEET



Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Specialized Instructional Services Educational Program



Overview

Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Specialized Instructional Services (VPK SIS) educational program is a new option for parents of four-year-old children with disabilities that is available outside the traditional VPK classroom setting. If your child has a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) from your local school district that calls for specialized instructional services, you can choose VPK SIS instead of traditional VPK school-year or summer programs.

Program

VPK specialized instructional services are offered in individual or small group settings with a certified or licensed professional trained to provide specific instruction. Students enrolled in VPK SIS may use services identified on their IEP:

- Applied behavior analysis.
- Speech language pathology.
- Occupational therapy.
- Physical therapy.
- Listening and spoken language instruction.
- Other specialized instructional services consistent with the child's IEP.

Parents can choose one or more services and select from providers the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has approved. Funding for each student is the same as for traditional VPK, but based on the rates these specialists charge for their services. So students in VPK SIS may receive fewer hours of service than students in traditional VPK.

Eligibility

If your children are eligible for VPK, you must first enroll them through the local early learning coalition office. Your child must meet three basic eligibility requirements for VPK SIS:

- Your child must live in Florida.
- Your child will be four years old on or before September 1 of the current year.
- Your child must have a current IEP from your local school district.

Providers

The FDOE has approved the following professionals to be VPK SIS providers:

- Individuals certified or licensed for applied behavior analysis services.
- Licensed speech-language pathologists.
- Licensed occupational therapists.
- Licensed physical therapists.
- Licensed clinical social workers.
- Licensed psychologists.
- [Other licensed professionals](#) who have applied to and been approved by FDOE.

The local early learning coalition pays VPK SIS providers directly for services delivered to children in the program based on the schedule of services form. Parents and providers work together to complete required forms.

Other Parent Resources

- [Early Learning Coalitions Map](#)
- [More About VPK SIS](#)

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