

Voluntary Prekindergarten Readiness Rates for the 2010-11 VPK Program Year

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2011 Legislative Changes

House Bill 1255 revisions to VPK Readiness Rates

- Section 1002.67(1)(b), F.S.- The State Board of Education shall periodically review and revise the performance standards for the statewide kindergarten screening administered under s. 1002.69 F.S. and align the standards to the standards established by the state board for student performance on the statewide assessments administered pursuant to s. 1008.22 F.S..
- The methodology for calculating each provider's kindergarten readiness rate **must** include the percentage of students who meet all state readiness measures.
- Removed the requirement that “the minimum rate must not exceed the rate at which more than more than 15 percent of the kindergarten readiness rates of all private prekindergarten providers and public schools delivering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program in the state would fall below the minimum rate.”
- Requires the annual reporting of the percentage of kindergarten students who meet all state readiness measures.

State Board Activities

Adopt a rule which incorporates the following:

1. Maintains the current standard on FAIR of a Probability of Reading Success Score on FAIR-K at .67 which means a student would have a 67% chance of scoring at the 40th percentile on the Stanford Early School Achievement Test (SESAT) in Kindergarten.
2. Sets the percentage of students that must screen “ready” on both measures (ECHOS and FAIR-K) of the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS). This percentage would be the “new” readiness rate beginning with the 2010-11 VPK program year.

DOE Staff Discussion

The Office of Early Learning suggests the following two standards for consideration:

1. A provider must have 60% of children ready on ECHOS and FAIR-K to meet the readiness rate.
2. A provider must have 70% of children ready on ECHOS and FAIR-K to meet the readiness rate.

Impact of requiring providers to have 60% of children ready on both measures

Adopting a standard of 60% of children ready for kindergarten would, for regions 1 through 4, mean a quarter or less of providers would be declared a “Low Performing Provider”.

In Region 5 approximately 36% of providers would be declared a “Low Performing Provider”.

Overall 27% of providers would be declared a “Low Performing Provider”.

Impact of requiring providers to have 70% of children ready on both measures

Adopting a standard of 70% of children ready for kindergarten would, for regions 1 through 4, mean more than a third of providers in those regions would be declared a “Low Performing Provider” .

In Region 5 just over half of providers would be declared a “Low Performing Provider”.

Overall 42% of providers would be declared a “Low Performing Provider”.

Projected Results by Region (using 2009-10 data)

Projected Low Performing Providers by Region Using 60% and 70% Proficiency Levels
(.67 Probability of Reading Success on FAIR)

REGION	Percent Ready on ECHOS	Percent Ready on FAIR	Percent Ready on Both	Using 60% Ready Standard		Using 70% Ready Standard	
				Non LPP	LPP	Non LPP	LPP
1	95.1%	79.0%	77.3%	375	92	308	159
2	94.0%	80.8%	78.4%	696	181	567	310
3	94.0%	78.3%	76.3%	982	283	791	474
4	95.6%	76.7%	75.5%	1,323	444	1,058	709
5	91.8%	72.4%	69.8%	1,211	667	911	967
Total	93.8%	76.3%	74.3%	4,587	1,667	3,635	2,619

Overall Results by Region and Provider Type (using 2009-10 Data)

Projected number of Low Performing Providers with the FAIR Probability of Reading Success at .67

REGION	PROVIDER TYPE	Total Count of Providers	Status at 60% Readiness		Status at 70% Readiness	
			Count of LPP	Percent of LPP	Count of LPP	Percent of LPP
1	Family Care	3	1	33.3%	1	33.3%
	Private Center	353	67	19.0%	117	33.1%
	Private School	2	0	0.0%	1	50.0%
	Public School	109	24	22.0%	40	36.7%
Region Summary		467	92	19.7%	159	34.0%
2	Family Care	34	7	20.6%	12	35.3%
	Private Center	744	157	21.1%	268	36.0%
	Private School	2	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Public School	97	17	17.5%	30	30.9%
Region Summary		877	181	20.6%	310	35.3%
3	Family Care	23	10	43.5%	13	56.5%
	Private Center	1,007	236	23.4%	391	38.8%
	Private School	3	0	0.0%	1	33.3%
	Public School	232	37	15.9%	69	29.7%
Region Summary		1,265	283	22.4%	474	37.5%
4	Family Care	26	9	34.6%	13	50.0%
	Private Center	1,396	376	26.9%	589	42.2%
	Private School	21	0	0.0%	1	4.8%
	Public School	324	59	18.2%	106	32.7%
Region Summary		1,767	444	25.1%	709	40.1%
5	Family Care	27	11	40.7%	15	55.6%
	Private Center	1,585	603	38.0%	851	53.7%
	Private School	7	1	14.3%	2	28.6%
	Public School	259	52	20.1%	99	38.2%
Region Summary		1,878	667	35.5%	967	51.5%
State Summary		6,254	1,667	26.7%	2,619	41.9%

Overall Results by Provider Type

PROVIDER TYPE	Total Number of Providers	Number LPP at 60%	Percent LPP at 60%	Number LPP at 70%	Percent LPP at 70%
Family Care	113	38	33.60%	54	47.80%
Private Center	5,085	1,439	28.30%	2,216	43.60%
Private School	35	1	2.90%	5	14.30%
Public School	1,021	189	18.50%	344	33.70%
Totals	6,254	1,667	26.70%	2,619	41.90%

DOE Staff Recommendation

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- A provider must have 60% of children ready on ECHOS and FAIR-K.