



## 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. The Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County administers the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program at the local level which includes registering child care providers and providing applications and information to parents.

## SUMMER VPK DATES AND HOURS

The program will run from Monday, June 4, through Thursday, July 26. We will be open M-TH each week but closed on Wednesday, July 4 and Thursday, July 5.

Student hours are from 7:30AM to 6:00PM but are flexible to meet your needs.

## SUMMER VPK REGISTRATION

Registration for the **Hillsborough County Public Schools' 2018 VPK Summer Program** will begin at the open VPK sites (see list below) on March 23, 2018 (except Mitchell which will host a registration event on March 28 at 7:30AM). To be eligible, your child must be 5 by September 1, 2018 and born between February 2, 2012 and September 1, 2013. 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.

Summer VPK 2018 Locations

Alexander (0081)	5602 N. Lois Av, Tampa, FL 33614	872-5395
Ballast Point (0161)	2802 Ballast Point Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33611	272-3070
Bing, E.L. (0261)	6409 36 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Tampa, FL 33619	744-8088
Boyette Springs (0311)	10141 Sedgebrook Drive, Riverview, FL 33569	671-5060
Bryan (0521)	2006 W. Oak Avenue, Plant City, FL 33563	757-9300
Chiles (0772)	16541 Tampa Palms Blvd. W., Tampa, FL 33647	558-5422
Citrus Park (0801)	7700 Gunn Highway, Tampa, FL 33625	558-5356
Lewis (2451)	6700 Whiteway Drive, Temple Terrace, FL, 33617	987-6947
Mango (2721)	4220 HWY 579, Seffner, FL 33584	744-8208
Mintz (3061)	1510 Heather Lakes Blvd, Brandon, FL 33511	744-8353
Mitchell (3081)	205 Bungalow Park, Tampa, FL 33609	872-5216
Mort (3121)	1806 Bearss Ave East, Tampa, FL 33613	975-7373
Oak Grove (3161)	6315 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33604	276-5717
Reddick (0110)	325 West Lake Drive, Wimauma, FL 33598	634-0809
Sheehy (0051)	6402 N. 40 <sup>th</sup> St., Tampa, FL 33610	233-3800
Sulphur Springs (4201)	8412 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, Tampa, FL 33604	975-7305
Wimauma (4841)	5709 Hickman, Wimauma, FL 33598	671-5159

**VPK Hotline**  
**813-272-4840**



**ONLINE APPLICATION INFORMATION**

[www.elchc.org](http://www.elchc.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) 2018 Summer Program**
- 2) 2018-2019 School Year**

To be eligible for the upcoming Summer 2018 VPK Program, your child must have been born between February 2, 2012 and September 1, 2013.

To be eligible for the 2018-2019 School Year, your child must have been born between February 2, 2013 and September 1, 2014.

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
- 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 our emails!*)  
**NOTE:** You may check the status of your application at anytime 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.