

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

May 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6M-8.604, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Curriculum Approval Process

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.213(2), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The office oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. OEL is required to submit its proposed rules to the State Board of Education for approval.

The OEL is statutorily required to establish a process for the submission, review and approval of curricula for use by Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) private providers and public schools that have been placed on probation as a result of their kindergarten readiness rates falling below the minimum rate adopted by the State Board of Education. To be approved the curricula must be a comprehensive program which aligns to the *Florida Early Learning and Developmental Performance Standards: 4 Years Old to Kindergarten* (2017). Once curricula are approved the OEL will publish a list of titles on the OEL-VPK curriculum website. The last curriculum review occurred in 2012-13.

The proposed revisions to the rule updates the policies and procedures to be followed during the review and selection of curricula submitted to the OEL for consideration and approval. The rule additionally sets forth the specification by which curricula will be evaluated which includes alignment to the new performance standards.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-8.604, F.A.C. Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program: Policies and Procedures for Curriculum Approval 2018 including VPK-Curr1, Committee Member Agreement; VPK-Curr2, Publisher’s Intent to Submit Form; VPK-Curr3, Publisher Registration Form; VPK-Curr4, Publisher Agreement; and Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program: Curriculum Approval Specifications for Providers on Probation 2018 including VPK-Curr5, Curriculum Evaluation Form. (Policies and forms under separate cover)

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6M-8.604 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Curriculum Approval Process.

The specifications, policies and procedures for the VPK curriculum approval process are contained in the documents, Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program: Curriculum Approval Specifications 2018_2012 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09579>) (~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01632>~~) and Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program: Policies and Procedures for Curriculum Approval 2018_2012 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09580>) (~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01633>~~) which are hereby incorporated by reference in this rule. Copies of the publications may be obtained by contacting the Office of Early Learning, Department of Education, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, Florida or from the Department's website at <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/>. Included in Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program: Policies and Procedures for Curriculum Approval and incorporated by reference are the following forms: In addition, to the Curriculum Approval Specifications and the Policies and Procedures for Curriculum Approval 2012, the following forms are incorporated by reference to become effective November 2012: VPK-Curr1, Committee Member Agreement (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09581>) (~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01643>~~); VPK-Curr2, Publisher's Intent to Submit Form (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09582>) (~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01644>~~); VPK-Curr3, Publisher Registration Form (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09583>) (~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01645>~~); VPK-Curr4, Publisher Agreement (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09584>) (~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01646>~~); and Included in Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program: Curriculum Approval Specifications for Providers on Probation and incorporated by reference is: VPK-Curr5, Curriculum Evaluation Form (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09585>) (~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-01647>~~).

Rulemaking Authority 1002.67, 1002.79 FS. Law Implemented 1002.67 FS. History—New 11-22-12, Formerly 6A-1.099825, Amended _____