

## Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Specialized Instructional Services

### What are Voluntary Prekindergarten Specialized Instructional Services?

Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Specialized Instructional Services (VPK SIS) education program is an additional option for parents of 4-year-old children with disabilities that is available outside the traditional VPK classroom setting. If your child has a current individual educational 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.

### Who is eligible?

Children who live in Florida, are 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current year and have a current IEP from their local school district are eligible. Parents must apply for VPK and choose SIS as the program through their local early learning coalition.

Your early learning coalition will review your application and email you with further instructions. Once your application is approved, the coalition will provide you with a Certificate of Eligibility you can take to a VPK SIS provider.

### What are VPK SIS services?

VPK SIS are services identified on enrolled children's IEPs offered in individual or small group settings such as:

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

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

### Who are VPK SIS providers?

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

- Individuals certified or licensed for applied behavior analysis
- 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.

*To apply, you need an email address, proof of Florida residency, proof of your child's age and a copy of your child's current IEP.*

**How to apply?** Visit <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com> or call at 1-866-357-3239 (TTY: 711).



Link to sign up for VPK



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