

**Florida Department of Education  
Office of Early Learning  
2017-2018 Agency Regulatory Plan**

**I. Laws enacted during the previous 12 months which create or modify the duties of the agency (s. 120.74(1)(a), F.S.)**

Law (Laws of Florida citation)	Is Rulemaking Mandatory?	Is rulemaking necessary to implement the law?	Notice of Rule Development Published/FAR citation	Date by Which Agency Expects to Publish Notice of Proposed Rule
None.				

**II. Additional laws that the agency intends to implement by rulemaking (s. 120.74(1)(b), F.S.)**

Law/Statute	Rule No.	Rule Title	Purpose of rulemaking (simplify, clarify, increase efficiency, improve coordination with other agencies, reduce regulatory costs, or delete obsolete, unnecessary or redundant rules.
1002.82(2)(j), 1002.83(13), 1002.84(1), F.S.	6M-4.700	Child Performance Standards	Update standards that are used as foundation for curricula
1002.82(2)(l), F.S.	6M-4.710	School Readiness Program Curricula	Change to incorporate updated standards
1002.82(2)(f)2., 1002.84(2), F.S.	6M-4.720	Screening of Children in the School Readiness Program	Update to reflect current process Increase efficiency
1002.71(6)(d), F.S.	6M-8.204	Uniform Attendance Policy for Funding the VPK Program	Clarify and increase efficiency Update to include Electronic Field System Modernization (EFS Mod) development Clarify temporary provider closures
1002.55(3), (4), 1002.61(3), (8)(a), 1002.63(3), (4), (5), (6), (8)(a), 1002.75(2)(c), (d), F.S.	6M-8.300	Provider and Class Registration Procedures; Application; Eligibility Determination	Increase efficiency; clarify procedures Update to include EFS Mod development Clarify/update notification timeline for closures
1002.71(5)(b), (6)(b)1.-3., (6)(d), 1002.75(2)(f), (g), (h), F.S.	6M-8.305	Recording and Certifying Child Attendance in the VPK Program	Increase efficiency Update to include EFS Mod development
1002.66, 1002.53(3)(d), (4)(b), 1002.71(4), 1002.72, F.S.	6M-8.500	VPK Specialized Instructional Services: Child Eligibility and Provider Reimbursement	Increase efficiency; simplify for families and VPK SIS providers Update to include EFS Mod development – Provider portal: VPK SIS provider profiles, contracting; Family portal: VPK SIS parent functionality

1002.75(1), (3)(d)-(e), F.S.			
1002.69(5), (6), F.S.	6M-8.601	VPK Provider Readiness Rate	Update to include revised kindergarten screening instrument and method for calculating VPK provider readiness rates
1002.67(1), F.S.	6M-8.602	Performance Standards for Children Participating in VPK (4 Years Old to Kindergarten)	Update standards that are used as a foundation for the VPK education program, alignment to VPK Assessment, alignment to kindergarten screening and curricula approval for providers on probation
1002.67(4)(c)2., 3., F.S.	6M-8.605	VPK Staff Development Plan for Providers on Probation	Simplify requirements by allowing online versions of required courses and providing sample documentation templates; increase efficiency of use
1002.92, F.S.	6M-9.300	Child Care and Early Childhood Resource and Referral	Simplify; increase efficiency


**III. Update on Rules Outstanding from 2016-17 Agency Regulatory Plan (s. 120.74(1)(c), F.S.)**

Law/Statute	Rule No	Rule title	Comment
1002.82(2)(c) 1002.82(2)(f)1.a. (III), 1002.82(p), F.S.	6M-4.501	Reimbursement During Emergency Closures	Revisions determined no longer necessary
1002.55(3), (4), 1002.61(3), (8)(a), 1002.63(3), (4), (5), (6), (8)(a), 1002.75(2)(c), (d), F.S.	6M-8.300	Provider and Class Registration Procedures	Rule was proposed in anticipation of EFS modernization. However, with the expectation that the rule can be amended this coming year, the rule is being reinserted on the active agency regulatory plan in Section II.
1002.69(5), (6), F.S.	6M-8.601	VPK Provider Readiness Rate	The readiness rate will be reinstated this year. Rule is being reinserted on active agency regulatory plan in Section II.

**IV. Certification**

I certify that this Agency Regulatory Plan has been reviewed by the undersigned. I further certify that the Office of Early Learning regularly reviews all of its rules to determine if the rules remain consistent with the Office's rulemaking authority and laws implemented and that the most recent review was conducted during the months of July-September 2017.

Date this 28 day of September, 2017.

  
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