

VPK Progress Monitoring Program Pilot Year 2, 2021-2022 Email Update

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Hello Pilot Providers,

We welcome you back as we kick off year 2 of the VPK Progress Monitoring Program Pilot! The Office of Early Learning has merged under Florida's Department of Education and renamed the Division of Early Learning (DEL), along with an updated logo. We are excited to begin the second year of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Progress Monitoring Program Pilot for the 2021-2022 school year with you all.

This year we will conclude the pilot administration for private and public VPK providers using the STAR Early Literacy Assessment. The administration of STAR Early Literacy Assessment in Florida's VPK programs is to establish consistency in assessments between VPK and Kindergarten and provide a more comprehensive overview of the learning and growth continuum during critical early learning years. VPK students participating in the pilot are assessed three times (see Attachment 1), during the first 30 days of the school year, middle of the year and within the last 30 days of the school year.

Providers access the Renaissance VPK Pilot site at <https://global-zone52.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/7957988>. If students are not assessed using this site, the data is not available for use in the pilot. The assessment is available throughout the school year for ongoing progress monitoring, as needed for students. The Star Early Literacy Assessment data is available for VPK instructors and administrators to assist in instructional planning.

Devices

We are happy to announce that all providers have received their Lenovo tablets and Cyber Acoustics headphones. If you experience tablet related concerns, please contact the Lenovo customer service at 1-855-253-6686 for support.

Reminders

A few reminders to be aware of include:

- Providers will need to administer the VPK Assessment as well as the Star Early Literacy Assessment in year 2 of the pilot (2021-2022).
- Provider participation in the evaluation of the two-year VPK Progress Monitoring Program Pilot conducted by the Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR) will continue in pilot year 2.
- Providers who were unable to complete year 1 Star Early Literacy assessments and do not complete year 2 Star Early Literacy AP1 in the VPK Pilot Site, <https://global-zone52.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/7957988> will be withdrawn from the pilot at the end of AP1.
- Responses for Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/Content/Uploads/floridaearlylearning.com/images/VPKProgressMonitoringAssessmentPilotFAQs10-26-20ADA.pdf>

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Professional Development

The following professional development opportunities are available for Administrators and Teachers participating in the VPK Progress Monitoring Program Pilot:

- Four pre-recorded training sessions are available on Florida VPK Renaissance U (see Attachment 2) to get providers started or as a refresher before getting started with year 2.
- Limited space opportunities (300 spots per session) are available for registration through the Pilot Year 2 2021-2022 Training Calendar (see Attachment 3). Training sessions are recorded. Recordings are available for 60 days on the VPK Progress Monitoring Program Pilot webpage and the PowerPoint presentations through Renaissance U.
- If your program plans to participate as a group in the trainings, only one person needs to register.
- A reminder email for each training registration will be sent with password information to the email address used during registration. Please use an active email account for registration.

VPK Pilot Webpage Updates

DEL has developed the Tips for VPK Pilot Providers (see Attachment 4) for at-a-glance support for the most common questions and calls that DEL and Renaissance have received during year 1 of the pilot program and can be found within the new column on the webpage labeled Tips for Providers.

Added Features:

- Password protected link to the VPK Pilot Site URL (password:)
- Buttons for providers to select: Click Here to be added to the VPK Pilot Email Distribution List and Click Here to Update My Provider Information. (Once a button is selected a draft email to VPKStarPilot@oel.myflorida.com will generate with the applicable subject line where the user can then send an email for support.)

Providers are encouraged to become familiar with the resources and information shared on the VPK Pilot webpage at <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/vpk-progress-monitoring-program-pilot>. Providers, please direct your questions or provider changes to The VPK Team email at VPKStarPilot@oel.myflorida.com. Providers that need Renaissance System support contact the Help Desk and Technical Assistance team at 1-855-253-6686 or email them at PilotVPK@renaissance.com.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Assessment Calendar for Year 2 (2021-2022) (PDF)

Attachment 2: Florida VPK Renaissance U (PDF)

Attachment 3: Pilot Year 2 2021-2022 Training Calendar (PDF)

Attachment 4: Tips for VPK Pilot Providers (PDF)

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The Division of Early Learning thanks each of you and your commitment to serving Florida's VPK students and their families.

Thank you,

The VPK Team

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