

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

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Hello Pilot Participants,

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) thanks you for your commitment to serving Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) students and their families. We hope your 2021-2022 VPK School Year is off to a great start.

As we approach the end of VPK Assessment Period 1 (AP1), as all VPK Providers must administer the VPK Assessment within the first 30 days of their 2021-22 school year, DEL is providing the following important reminders:

VPK Progress Monitoring Pilot testing should be completed in the Renaissance Pilot Site: <https://global-zone52.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/7957988>. Please save this link for future reference.

Default dates for the VPK Progress Monitoring Pilot for the Renaissance Star Early Literacy AP1 period are set for August 2-October 29, 2021. All participating program administrators should login and customize the screening windows by Friday, October 1, 2021.

- AP1 screening window dates should be customized to your program's first 30 calendar days, including weekends and holidays.
- You can use this [Date Calculator](#) to calculate 30 days from your 2021-22 program start date.
- Instructions for "Setting Your Screening Window" are available on the VPK Pilot webpage, <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/vpk-progress-monitoring-program-pilot>, in the Implementation section and here in [video](#) and [PDF](#) formats.
- Here is the 2021-2022 Assessment Calendar, [http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/Content/Uploads/floridaearlylearning.com/files/AssessmentCalendarforYear2\(2021-2022\)_ADA\(1\).pdf](http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/Content/Uploads/floridaearlylearning.com/files/AssessmentCalendarforYear2(2021-2022)_ADA(1).pdf).

Students Absent or Unable to Complete Assessments during Assessment Periods:

Once your VPK Program has started, the 30-day period to complete your assessments cannot change, and DEL cannot accept assessments outside the 30-day period.

- If there are classroom closures, substantial absences or other reasons that you are not able to administer the assessment to a student, you should indicate the reason using one of the Non Participation Characteristics provided in this document: http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/Content/Uploads/floridaearlylearning.com/images/Florida%20VPK%20-%20Adding%20Non-Participating%20Characteristics_ADA.pdf.
- Providers can complete the assessment before the student is out or once the student returns to obtain an assessment score for progress monitoring purposes. Please keep in mind that DEL will not be able to use any data for students assessed out of the specified screening window dates.

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VPK Assessment:

All VPK Providers must administer the VPK Assessment for the 2021-2022 school year.

VPK Pilot Evaluation conducted by Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR):

Selected pilot participants will continue to participate in the evaluation of the two-year pilot that is being conducted by FCRR through various research activities.

Professional Development:

Live sessions for Administrators and Teachers have been completed. The recordings are available through Renaissance-U, and instructions for accessing these recordings are available [here](#).

Data Chats:

In the feedback from the 2020-21 year-end survey, we heard your need for conversations around the data. Administrators and Teachers, you now can register for upcoming Data Chats for AP1, AP2 and AP3. Data Chats will provide an opportunity to review and ask questions about your data, to plan and inform instruction and to prepare for conversations with families. See below to register.

Data Chats for Administrators and Teachers (90-minute sessions)		
Topic – Description - Registration Link	Date	Time
AP1 Data Chat Participants will learn how to explore their AP1 data, how to understand the metrics such as scaled score and literacy classification, and how to use the data to inform instruction. Webinar Registration Link	November 1, 2021	12:00 EST
AP2 Data Chat Participants will learn how to explore their AP2 data, how to understand the metrics, and how to use the data to inform instruction. Webinar Registration Link	February 8, 2022	12:00 EST
AP3 Data Chat Participants will learn how to explore their AP3 Data, how to understand the data and how to use the data to inform instruction and communicate progress to families. Webinar Registration Link	February 22, 2022	12:00 EST

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Lenovo Tablet Support:

Contact the Lenovo customer service at 1-855-253-6686 for support.

Renaissance System Support:

Contact the Renaissance Help Desk and Technical Assistance team at 1-855-253-6686 or email them at PilotVPK@renaissance.com.

VPK Pilot Support:

Please do not hesitate to contact VPKStarPilot@oel.myflorida.com for support.

DEL thanks each of you for all that you do to support the VPK progress monitoring assessment program and for your commitment to serving Florida's VPK students and their families during the critical early learning years.

Thank you,

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