Office of Early Learning Update

VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate Overview

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Agenda

- Review of changes to rule 6M-8.601 F.A.C.
- Review of previous calculation from 2017-2018
- Review of new calculation for 2018-2019
- Timelines and notifications
- Questions
Florida’s VPK Accountability Statute and Rule

Florida’s VPK Accountability is driven by section 1002.67 Florida Statutes:

(5) The office shall adopt procedures to annually calculate each private prekindergarten provider’s and public school’s kindergarten readiness rate, which must be expressed as the percentage of the provider’s or school’s students who are assessed as ready for kindergarten. The methodology for calculating each provider’s kindergarten readiness rate must include student learning gains when available and the percentage of students who meet all state readiness measures. The rates must not include students who are not administered the statewide kindergarten screening. The office shall determine learning gains using a value-added measure based on growth demonstrated by the results of the pre-assessment and post-assessment from at least 2 successive years of administration of the pre-assessment and post-assessment.

http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/floridas-vpk-program/regulations
Florida’s VPK Accountability Statute and Rule

- Florida’s VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates are described in rule 6M-8.601 F.A.C.
- The rule was amended in August 2019 to include learning gains in the calculation of each provider’s rate.
- Learning gains may contribute up to 10 points toward the final readiness rate of a VPK provider’s program.
- Children must have learning gains in all 4 domains on the VPK Assessment.
- The final readiness rate will consist of a combination of the percentage of children ready on FLKRS and the learning gains shown by children on the Florida VPK Assessment.
- The calculation of the readiness rate is as follows:

  Percent Ready + (Percent making gains x .1) = Provider Readiness Rate

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2017-2018 Readiness Rate Example #1

- 37 children served
- 30 met substantial completion
- 32 screened on FLKRS
- 28 children in rate
- 13 children 500 or higher on FLKRS
- 46 was final readiness rate
- How calculation was completed:
  \[ \frac{13}{28} = 0.46 \text{ or } 46\% \]

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2018-2019 Readiness Rate Example #1 with Learning Gains

- 37 children served
- 28 children are in the rate (completers with a valid screening score)
- 13 children scored “ready” (46%)
- 28 children had VPK gains (100%)
- Readiness rate is 56

How calculation was completed:
- Percent of children “ready”
  - $13 \div 28 = .46 \text{ or } 46\%$
- Addition of learning gains
  - $100 \times .1 = 10$
- Readiness Rate
  - $46 + 10 = 56$
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2017-2018 Readiness Rate Example #2

- 38 children served
- 30 met substantial completion
- 35 screened on FLKRS
- 29 children in rate
- 16 children 500 or higher on FLKRS
- 55 was final readiness rate
- How calculation was completed:
  \[ \frac{16}{29} = 0.55 \text{ or } 55\% \]
2018-2019 Readiness Rate Example #2 with Gains

• 38 children served
• 29 children are in the rate (completers with a valid screening score)
• 16 children scored “ready” (55%)
• 20 children had VPK gains (69%)
• Readiness rate is 62

How calculation was completed:
• Percent of children “ready”
  • 16 ÷ 29 = .55 or 55%
• Addition of learning gains
  • 69 x .1 = 6.9 (round to 7)
  • 55 + 7 = 62
**VPK Readiness Rate Overview**

### 2017-2018 Readiness Rate Example #3

- 20 children served
- 12 met substantial completion
- 17 screened on FLKRS
- 10 children in rate
- 5 children 500 or higher on FLKRS
- 50 was final readiness rate

How calculation was calculated:

\[ \frac{5}{10} = 0.50 \text{ or } 50\% \]

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2018-2019 Readiness Rate Example #3 with Learning Gains

- 20 children served
- 10 children are in the rate (completers with a valid screening score)
- 5 children scored “ready” (50%)
- 10 children had VPK gains (100%)
- Readiness rate is 60

How calculation was completed:

- Percent of children “ready”
  - $\frac{5}{10} = .5$ or 50%
- Addition of learning gains
  - $100 \times .1 = 10$
- Readiness Rate
  - $50 + 10 = 60$
# VPK Readiness Rate Overview

## 2018-2019 Readiness Rates – Draft Timeline

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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>- Fall 2019 Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) data available.</td>
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<td>Mid-December 2019</td>
<td>- Release of preliminary readiness rates.</td>
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<td>Mid-December 2019 to Late January 2020</td>
<td>- VPK provider verification/dispute and ELC review period.</td>
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VPK Readiness Rate Notifications and Access

• Provider letter for new providers
  ❖ Information to access accounts on the Readiness Rate website (OEL-ID, FENID/SSN and physical address zip code)
  ❖ Instructions on accessing the site for the first time
  ❖ Information about verification of children served and dispute process

• Email Notification for existing providers and new providers
  ❖ Notification that preliminary readiness rates have been posted
  ❖ Notification of updated timelines
  ❖ Information about verification of children served and dispute process
VPK Readiness Rate Overview

What can providers do now?

• Providers that had a 2017-18 profile can ensure that they can log in to the readiness rate site beginning December 1st
  Old URL: vpk.fldoe.org
  New URL: vpkrates.floridaearlylearning.com
  (Both will work)

• Newer providers will receive instructions in direct letter mailed in December.
VPK Readiness Rate Overview

OEL Goals

• Accurate data
• Faster turn around on data/readiness rates
• Resolving all disputes
  o Role of disputes
  o Secure communication