



Requirements for VPK Director Credential

PURPOSE

To provide requirements for the director of a private prekindergarten provider delivering the VPK program, consistent with [s. 1002.55\(3\)\(g\), F.S.](#), and meets the requirements of [Rule 6M-8.610, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C.\)](#)

REFERENCES

[Section 1002.55\(3\)\(g\), Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#)

[Rule 6M-8.610, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C.\)](#)

AUTHORITY

Reference to any laws, rules and regulations in this guidance document includes revisions to those laws and regulations made after the effective date of this guidance document.

BACKGROUND

[Section 1002.55\(3\)\(g\), F.S.](#), provides as follows:

(g)The private prekindergarten provider must have a prekindergarten director who has a prekindergarten director credential that is approved by the department as meeting or exceeding the minimum standards adopted under s. 1002.57, F.S. A private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership issued by the department satisfies the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential under s. 1002.57.

As outlined in [Rule 6M-8.610, F.A.C.](#), to receive a VPK Director Credential Endorsement, applicants must complete the following:

1. The Florida [Director](#) Credential
2. Implementing the Florida Standards in Preschool Classroom: 3 Years Old to Kindergarten (instructor-led or online)
3. Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors course (online)
4. VPK Director Credential course (online)
5. Mathematical Thinking for Early Learners (online)
6. Language and Vocabulary in the VPK Classroom (online)

The issuance of the VPK Director Credential automatically appears on the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Child Care Training Transcript upon completion of the six requirements listed above.

INSTRUCTIONS

Whether through monitoring or by report, if an early learning coalition or school district finds non-compliance with private or public school VPK Program requirements, results shall be included in appropriate monitoring reports. Corrective action and/or revocation of provider eligibility shall be clearly documented and issued in accordance with statute and rule. The intended action must be resolved timely.

HISTORY

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