



## WHAT IS VPK?

The Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) was implemented in 2002 in order to give **ALL** of Florida's four-year-olds access to a quality prekindergarten educational experience. The VPK program is **FREE** to families and does not have any income requirements or restrictions.

The Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) is designed to prepare Florida's children for kindergarten and develop the skills they will need to become good readers and successful students. VPK includes standards for literacy skills, strict accountability, appropriate curricula, substantial instruction periods, manageable class sizes and qualified instructors. Parents have the option of enrolling children in a school-year program that consists of 540 instructional hours, OR a summer program, consisting of 300 instructional hours.

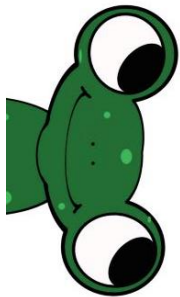
## SUMMER VPK REGISTRATION



Registration for the **Hillsborough County Public Schools' 2020 VPK Summer Program** will open on April 1, but mark your calendars now! To be eligible, your child must be 5 or turning 5 by September 1. Child may not have previously participated in a VPK program (used a VPK Certificate of Eligibility).

Registration is a 2-Step process. Parents will complete an online application and submit (via online upload) proof of residence and proof of birth. (See directions and website address below!) After a few days, the parent will receive an email directing them back to the application website where they will access their Certificate of Eligibility. Parents will print this certificate and take it to the Summer VPK school site of their choice (On or after April1).

Assistance with the online application will be available at all Hillsborough County Public School site's offering the VPK Summer program or by calling 813-272-4840.



**The Summer VPK program will operate Monday – Thursday,  
June 3 – July 23, 7:30AM – 6:00PM  
(hours are flexible to meet your needs).**

**Classrooms are staffed with certified teachers and students are  
provided with a free breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Boyette Springs	671-5060	10141 Sedgebrook Drive	Riverview
Bryan	757-9300	2006 West Oak Avenue	Plant City
Chiles	558-5422	16541 Tampa Palms Blvd.	Tampa
Clair Mel	744-8080	1025 S 78th Street	Tampa
Doby	672-5388	6720 Covington Garden Drive	Apollo Beach
Mango	744-8208	4220 HWY 579	Seffner
Mitchell	872-5216	205 Bungalow Park	Tampa
Mort	975-7373	1806 Bearss Ave East	Tampa
Oak Grove	356-1532	6315 N Armenia Avenue	Tampa
Reddick	634-0809	325 West Lake Drive	Wimauma
Sheehy	233-3800	6402 North 40th Street	Tampa
Schwarzkopf	975-6945	18333 Calusa Trace Blvd.	Tampa
Town and Country	871-7500	6025 Hanley Road	Tampa
Thompson	938-1203	2020 E Shell Point Rd	Ruskin

### **ONLINE APPLICATION INFORMATION**

[www.elchc.org](http://www.elchc.org)

**Click on “Families”**

**From the dropdown, select “VPK for Families”**

VPK registrations/applications are now completed electronically/online. The online registration system is currently available for children registering for:

- 1) 2020 Summer Program**
- 2) 2020-2021 School Year**

So that your online registration goes as smoothly as possible, make certain that you have the following:

- An active email address that you check frequently
- Proof of your child’s date of birth (digital copy on your computer ready for upload)
- Proof of Florida residency (digital copy on your computer ready for upload)

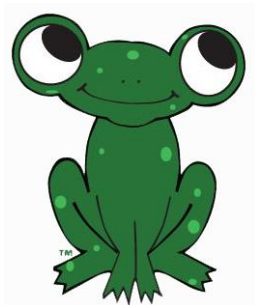
- Your child's social security number (providing this is optional)
- Access to a printer to print out your VPK Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

Once you begin the online registration process you will be guided through a series of steps:

1. You will establish a login and using your email address.
2. You will enter all of the information for the application.
3. You will upload and submit the required documents electronically in a digital format.
4. Check your email within 2-3 days. If there are issues with the application or documents submitted, you'll receive an email message telling what you need to do to move your application forward. If there are no issues with the application or required documents, you'll receive an email message telling you that your application is approved and that the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is ready. The COE is your '*ticket*' to the VPK program of your choice. (*Make sure that your spam filters aren't blocking these emails!*)  
**NOTE:** You may check the status of your application at any time by simply logging in to the system using the same login information used when you initiated the registration process.
5. Print out and take your VPK Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the VPK Provider of your choice.

If you need assistance completing the online application, please bring the required registration documentation (proof of residence and birth) to a VPK site listed above.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, simply call the School District VPK Hotline at 813-272-4840.



Ready Freddy wants every child to be READY for Kindergarten!