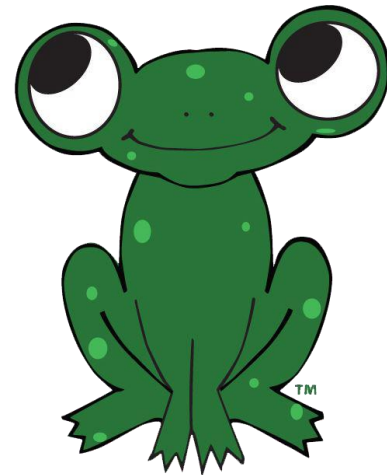




## WHAT IS VPK?

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 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. The Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County administers the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program at the local level which includes registering child care providers and providing applications and information to parents.



Ready Freddy wants every child to be ready for kindergarten!

## SUMMER VPK DATES AND HOURS

The program will run from Monday, June 10, through Wednesday, July 31. We will be open M-TH each week but closed on Thursday, July 4.

Student hours are from 7:30AM to 6:00PM but are flexible to meet your needs.

## SUMMER VPK REGISTRATION

Registration for the **Hillsborough County Public Schools' 2019 VPK Summer Program** has begun at the open VPK sites (see list below) (Mitchell which will host a registration event for the Grady program on March 28 at 7:30AM. After the 28<sup>th</sup>, if seats are available, parents may register on-site at Grady.)

To be eligible, your child must be 5 by September 1, 2019. Children may not have previously participated in a VPK program.

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.

### HCPS VPK Summer 2019 Site Locations

Boyette Springs (0311)	10141 Sedgebrook Dr., Riverview, FL 33569	671-5060
Bryan (0521)	2006 West Oak Ave, Plant City, FL 33563	757-9300
BT Washington (4601)	1407 Estelle St, Tampa, FL 33605	233-3720
Chiaromonte (0771)	6001 South Himes Ave, Tampa, FL 33611	272-3066
Chiles (0772)	16541 Tampa Palms Blvd. W., Tampa, FL 33647	558-5422
Citrus Park (0801)	7700 Gunn Hwy., Tampa, FL 33625	558-5356
Corr (1054)	13020 Kings Lake Dr., Gibsonton, FL 33534	672-5345
Crestwood (1021)	7824 N Manhattan Ave, Tampa, FL 33614	872-5374
Cypress Creek (1051)	4040 19th Ave. N.E. Ruskin, FL 33573	671-5167
Grady (1721)	3910 Morrison Avenue, Tampa, FL 33629	356-1476
Mort (3121)	1806 Bearss Avenue E., Tampa 33613	9757373
Oak Grove (3161)	6315 North Armenia Ave., Tampa, FL 33604	356-1532
Palm River (3281)	805 Maydell Drive, Tampa, FL 33619	744-8066
Reddick (0110)	325 West Lake Drive, Wimauma, FL 33598	634-0809
Schmidt (3851)	1250 Williams Rd, Brandon, FL 33510	651-2110
Sheehy (0051)	6402 N. 40 <sup>th</sup> St.; Tampa, FL 33610	233-3800
Sulphur Springs (4201)	8412 13 <sup>th</sup> Street; Tampa, FL 33604	975-7305
Westchase (4651)	9517 W Linebaugh Ave, Tampa, FL 33626	631-4600
Wimauma (4841)	5709 Hickman, Wimauma, FL 33598	671-5159

VPK Hotline  
813-272-4840



### ONLINE APPLICATION INFORMATION

[www.elhc.org](http://www.elhc.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) 2019 Summer Program
- 2) 2019-2020 School Year

To be eligible for the upcoming Summer 2019 VPK Program, your child must be 5 years on age on or before September 1, 2019.

To be eligible for the 2019-2020 school year program, your child must have turned 4 on or after 2/2/2018\*. (\*Effective July 1, 2016, four-year-old children with birthdays from Feb. 2 through Sept. 1 are eligible to enroll in VPK that year or postpone it to the next. Four-year-olds with birthdays from Sept. 2 through Feb. 1 are eligible to enroll in VPK the following program year.)

To ensure 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)
- Proof of Florida residency (digital copy)
- Access to a scanner or digital camera (can be a smart phone) so that you can send digital copies of your documents to yourself or to your computer
- Your child's social security number
- 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 our 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.



Learn more about kindergarten readiness on our Bold Beginnings website!