

Message from the Early Learning Coalition

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VPK Update

Dear Early Education Community:

Florida Statute 1002.67(3) directs that each private prekindergarten provider and public school in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program must implement an evidence-based pre- and post-assessment that has been approved by rule of the State Board of Education. It is required for providers to administer the Florida VPK Assessment Period 1 (AP1) and Assessment Period 3 (AP3) in order to track child development over the course of the year.

Due to the recent closures and Hurricane Irma, the Office of Early Learning is working at the state level to determine the best course of action regarding the schedule of VPK Assessments. Providers should still ensure that all children are assessed as soon as possible. Providers should also enter and submit data into the online reporting systems on Bright Beginnings as long as the classroom calendar allows the provider to do so. Providers should document basic circumstances that prevented the provider from meeting one or both of these deadlines and the good faith effort made by the provider to meet deadlines as that information may be needed to evaluate provider compliance.

If your center commenced VPK on August 21, 2017, the last day to submit assessment data for Assessment Period 1 (AP1) is **Thursday, October 5th**. All other providers who commenced on a different date have forty-five (45) calendar days from the first day of your VPK program (calendar days include holidays and weekends.)

Below you will find the original administration and submission deadlines for the VPK assessment. Please submit Assessment Period 1 (AP1) data as timely as possible and within the forty-five (45) calendar days from the first day of your VPK program (calendar days include holidays and weekends.)

ADMINISTRATION (Conducting the child assessment)

- AP1 - first thirty (30) calendar days of the VPK class schedule
- AP2* - mid-program year
- AP3 - last thirty (30) calendar days of the VPK class schedule ending

DATA SUBMISSION (Entering children's scores into Bright Beginnings)

- AP1 - within forty-five (45) calendar days of the first day of the VPK class schedule
- AP2* - mid-program year
- AP3 - no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the last day of the VPK class schedule

**Providers on Probation who have chosen the Department of Education approved Staff Development Plan are also required to administer and submit data for Assessment Period 2. Providers who are not on probation are not required to administer Assessment Period 2 (AP2); however, strongly recommended.*

Please see the below link to print your assessment:

<https://brightbeginningsfl.org/Downloads/AP1%20Response%20Booklet%204-7-14%20FINAL.pdf>



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