



School District of Palm Beach County

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)  
*Learning Through Discovery, Connections, and Play*



## 2023-2024 Enrollment Guidelines

*Enroll your 4-year-old in an elementary school that offers a high-quality VPK program taught by certified teachers and credentialed assistants!*

<b>WHO:</b>	Children who turn four (4) years of age on or before September 1, 2023, and have a VPK Certificate are eligible. Children who turn four (4) between February 2 and September 1, 2023, may attend during 2023-2024 or may wait a year to attend during the 2024-2025 school year.
<b>WHEN:</b>	All VPK programs follow the District's school year calendar; school starts August 10, 2023.
<b>WHERE:</b>	The VPK program will be offered at select (not all) public school sites. The list of schools will be posted on the District's website <a href="http://www.palmbeachschools.org/prek">www.palmbeachschools.org/prek</a> by mid-January 2023. See the back of this flyer for a list of schools currently offering VPK. Private providers also offer VPK.
<b>WHAT:</b>	<p>The Florida VPK program is voluntary and gives parents choices. Parents may choose the free 540-hour School Year VPK program or the 300-hour Summer VPK program, but not both.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ During the school year, select District elementary schools typically offer the VPK 540 hours of free education from 8 AM to 11 AM daily.</li><li>★ Children enrolled in the District's School Year VPK program are eligible to participate in enrichment hours up to 2 PM, creating a seamless 6-hour day from 8 AM to 2 PM. Some schools also offer extended day hours from 2 PM up to 6 PM paid for by Parent Fees or School Readiness vouchers.</li><li>★ In Title I schools, enrichment hours up to 2 PM following the free VPK hours are funded by grants and other funding sources; children must live in a Title I school zone to participate.</li><li>★ Head Start, Early Head Start, and Migrant PreK programs are offered in select Title I Schools and offer free 10-hour daily programming for eligible children.</li><li>★ In non-Title I schools, enrichment and extended hours are funded by Parent Fees or by School Readiness vouchers.</li><li>★ Seats are reserved in select Title I and non-Title I schools for Students with Disabilities.</li><li>★ During Summer VPK, any child who has not used a VPK Certificate during the School Year VPK program may enroll; enrollment typically starts in May.</li></ul>
<b>HOW:</b>	<p><b>Step 1:</b> Starting January 1, 2023, obtain a VPK Certificate online at <a href="http://www.elcpalmbeach.org">www.elcpalmbeach.org</a>; for help call the Early Learning Coalition at (561) 514-3300. <b>Step 2.</b> Starting in mid-January, view the District's website <a href="https://www.palmbeachschools.org/prek">https://www.palmbeachschools.org/prek</a> for a list of participating District schools. <b>Step 3.</b> Take your child's VPK Certificate, birth certificate, two proofs of residency, Health Exam Form, and Certificate of Immunization to the school of your choice to enroll.</p>

### For assistance or information contact:

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*(Current)* **2022-2023 District VPK Programs & Schools**  
*Programs and Locations May Change in 2023-2024*

VPK & Title I Enrichment Programs	VPK & Parent Fee-Supported Enrichment Programs	VPK/Head Start Programs
Barton Elementary* Belle Glade Elementary Belvedere Elementary Benoist Farms Elementary* Cholee Lake Elementary Coral Sunset Elementary* C.O.T./Kirklane Elementary Crosspointe Elementary D.D. Eisenhower Elementary* Diamond View Elementary Dr. M.M. Bethune Elementary Forest Hill Elementary* Forest Park Elementary Freedom Shores Elementary* Greenacres Elementary* Grove Park Elementary Hope-Centennial Elementary* Indian Pines Elementary Lake Park Elementary Lantana Elementary* Liberty Park Elementary Meadow Park Elementary* Northmore Elementary Orchard View Elementary* Pahokee Elementary Palm Springs Elementary Palmetto Elementary Roosevelt Elementary South Grade Elementary Starlight Cove Elementary* U.B. Kinsey Elementary Washington Elementary Westward Elementary Wynnebrook Elementary	Acreage Pines Elementary* Banyan Creek Elementary* Berkshire Elementary Citrus Cove Elementary Coral Reef Elementary* Crystal Lakes Elementary* Elbridge Gale Elementary* Equestrian Trails Elementary* Hagen Road Elementary* H.L. Johnson Elementary Lighthouse Elementary Loxahatchee Groves Elementary* Manatee Elementary New Horizons Elementary* Palm Beach Gardens Elementary Panther Run Elementary* South Olive Elementary Sunrise Park Elementary* The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach Wellington Elementary*	Galaxy E3 Elementary Glade View Elementary Highland Elementary Pine Grove Elementary Pioneer Park Elementary Pleasant City Elementary Rolling Green Elementary Village Academy** West Gate Elementary West Riviera Elementary  <i>** Also offers Early Head Start</i>  <b>VPK/Migrant PreK Programs</b>  Gove Elementary K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary Pahokee Elementary Pioneer Park Elementary

*\*Through a partnership with the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department, a select number of student seats in the schools marked by an asterisk are reserved for the placement of students with disabilities by ESE based on IEP recommendations, at no cost to parents. Contact M.J. Steele at (561) 969-5884 for additional information.*