

Palm Beach County's Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) Program

The Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of Palm Beach County welcomes you to the Voluntary PreKindergarten Program! To insure all children have a quality VPK experience, please read the following important information.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility

1. The certificate of eligibility is valid in **Palm Beach County** only. If you are interested in receiving VPK services in a different county, you must apply in that county.
2. A VPK provider will only accept your child into their program once you present the certificate of eligibility.
3. A certificate of eligibility is not transferable. You must call to arrange for a provider transfer. Your child cannot begin with a new VPK program until a new certificate of eligibility is issued.
4. **Choose your VPK provider carefully!**
 - Interview providers to be certain they are offering the type of VPK program that best meets the needs of your child and your family.
 - You have only **ONE** (1) opportunity to change your VPK provider.
 - A transfer must be requested within the first 54 hours of a school year program and 30 hours of a summer program (up to 10% participation).
 - Your child will no longer be eligible for VPK participation after having attended 55 hours of a school year program or 31 hours of a summer program.
5. A certificate of eligibility does not guarantee your child a space with any VPK provider.
6. You are responsible to update any change of address or phone number with the Early Learning Coalition **within ten (10) days**.