



# Florida VPK

## School doesn't start in Kindergarten anymore

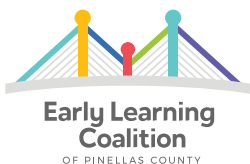
It starts in Florida's FREE Voluntary Prekindergarten program. VPK helps build a strong foundation for school using educational materials appropriate for different stages in your child's development, helping prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. With hundreds of public, private, and faith based schools and centers, you decide where your child learns!

### Requirements

All Florida children that will be 4 years old on or before Sept 1 of the current or upcoming year are eligible. Families must have the following to apply:

- E-mail Address
- Proof of Florida residency such as a Florida driver's license or utility bill and/or current signed lease
- Proof of child's age including a birth certificate, passport or current immunization record

To learn more or to apply, visit [www.elcpinellas.org](http://www.elcpinellas.org) and select 'Family Portal' from the menu at the bottom of our homepage.



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## Early Learning Matters



Research shows children who participate in high-quality prekindergarten programs...<sup>1</sup>



Are better prepared for school



Perform better on standardized tests



Have better school attendance rates



Develop lifelong social and emotional skills



Are less likely to drop out of school



Are more likely to be successful regardless of background or environment