

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
May 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rules 6M-4.200, School Readiness Eligibility Provisions and 6M-4.208, Documenting Eligibility for the School Readiness Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.213(2), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The office oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. OEL is required to submit its proposed rules to the State Board of Education for approval.

OEL is required to comply with lead agency responsibilities in the administration of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund which includes specific program eligibility requirements. Rules 6M-4.200 and 6M-4.208 currently establish the specific eligibility implementation and documentation requirements of the School Readiness program.

Rule 6M-4.200, F.A.C., was revised to provide clarification on implementation and documentation requirements of the School Readiness Program. The substantially reworded text for Rule 6M-4.200, F.A.C. is more succinct. The eligibility requirements for the program have not changed.

Rule 6M-4.208, F.A.C., was also revised to provide clarification on the documentation requirements, added Medicaid eligibility documentation as sufficient to establish citizenship and to remove the requirement that a self-employed parent must be making minimum wage to maintain eligibility at redetermination.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rules 6M-4.200 and 6M-4.208, F.A.C.

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