

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
March 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-8.615, VPK Training Requirements

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.213(2), 1002.73(2)(b), 1002.79, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule establishes the minimum standards for courses in emergent literacy and the VPK performance standards, as well as defines the required training courses individuals are required to complete to qualify as VPK instructors.

The proposed rule title and rule text were amended to specify lead VPK instructors are required to complete specified required training.

Additional clarifying language was added specifying emergent literacy training standards are to be grounded in the science of reading, in accordance with s. 1002.59(1), F.S.

The rule amendment removes incorporated form DEL-VPK 25 that lists the DEL-approved emergent literacy and performance standards courses. Deleting this form from the rule provides the Department with needed flexibility to post the approved training courses on the Department's website, without requiring the Department to engage in rulemaking each time a course is added to or removed from the list.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-8.615, F.A.C.

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