

6M-8.615 VPK Training Requirements for Lead VPK Instructors.

(1) In accordance with Section 1002.59(1), F.S., the Department of Education (Department), in collaboration with the Just Read, Florida! Office adopts the following minimum standards for training courses in emergent literacy for prekindergarten instructors.

(a) The minimum standards shall align to the performance standards for students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program adopted in Rule 6M-8.602, F.A.C., and include:

1. Evidence-based content and instructional strategies grounded in the science of reading;
2. through 5. No change.

(b) through (e) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) As required by Section 1002.55(3)(c)2., F.S., the Department approves ~~adopts~~ the courses relating to emergent literacy and performance standards, ~~listed in Form DEL VPK 25 (September 2022) Training Requirements for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Instructors, which is hereby incorporated by reference any may be obtained as described in Rule 6M 8.900, F.A.C., or found at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No-Ref-14705>. The list of approved courses can be found on the Department's website at <https://origin.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/providers/pro-learning.stml>.~~

~~(a) The course listed in Form DEL VPK 25 relating to emergent literacy meets the relative minimum standards for emergent literacy in Section 1002.59(1), F.S.~~

~~(b) The courses listed in Form DEL VPK 25 relating to performance standards for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) instructors meets the minimum standards for performance standards in Section 1002.59(2), F.S.~~

(4) In accordance with sections 1002.55(3)(c)2., 1002.61(4), and 1002.63(4), F.S., aAll lead VPK instructors, ~~except a substitute instructor as provided in Section 1002.55(3)(e), F.S., or an additional VPK instructor for classes composed of twelve (12) or more students as provided in Section 1002.55(3)(f), F.S., must successfully complete the following training requirements courses from the list of approved courses in Form DEL VPK 25:~~

(a) Three (3) five-hour emergent literacy courses or equivalent and a course on the performance standards adopted for use in the VPK program ~~prior to the date a VPK class begins~~; and

(b) No change.

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