

6M-9.115 Procedures and Criteria for Approval of School Readiness Plans.

(1) Plan development. Each early learning coalition ~~must~~ shall develop and implement a school readiness plan. The school readiness plan ~~will~~ shall include the minimum standards as required by Section 1002.85(2), F.S., and the School Readiness Plan Guide and Template, Form ~~DEL-SR DEL-SR~~ 115 (~~August 2025~~ May 2022), which is adopted and hereby incorporated by reference (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18224>). A copy of Form ~~DEL-SR DEL-SR~~ 115 may be obtained at the division website at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/rep-pol-guide/> www.floridaeearlylearning.com or ~~by contacting the Division of Early Learning, Department of Education, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399. The incorporated form is also available at:~~ <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14187>. Rule Chapter 69I-73, F.A.C. (March 2008), as cited in the School Readiness Plan Guide, is incorporated by reference. A copy of the rule chapter may be obtained by contacting the Division of Early Learning at the address above.

(2) Plan submission. A coalition ~~must~~ shall submit an electronic copy of its school readiness plan and any amendments in accordance with the instructions found in Form ~~DEL-SR DEL-SR~~ 115. A coalition cannot implement its submitted plan or amendments until it receives written approval from the Division of Early Learning (DEL) as described in s. 1002.85, F.S.

(a) Each early learning coalition ~~will~~ shall submit ~~an electronic copy of~~ its proposed school readiness plan to the ~~Division of Early Learning (DEL)~~ every 3 years by the DEL established deadline within 30 days of board approval and before implementation. The proposed plan must have documented board approval.

(b) The coalition ~~must~~ shall submit plan amendments ~~an amendment to the plan~~ to DEL 30 calendar days following board approval ~~the division~~ in the event of a change to any element of the approved plan ~~and before implementation.~~

(3) DEL review. After receipt of a complete school readiness plan or amendment (including required supporting documents), DEL ~~will acknowledge receipt~~ shall respond to the coalition within 3 business days, excluding office closures ~~acknowledging receipt of the plan amendment.~~ DEL ~~will~~ shall review the plan or amendment and approve, reject, or approve with conditions the provisions of the plan or amendment ~~and provide written notification to the early learning coalition of its action~~ within 30 business days of receipt of the completed document. ~~DEL shall base its approval, rejection, or approval with conditions on the coalition's compliance with Chapter 1002, Part VI, F.S., the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Block Grant Florida State Plan, the federal CCDF~~

~~regulations located at Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 98, Subparts B through G and K and the School Readiness Plan Guide. The coalition shall not implement school readiness plans or amendments without the express written approval of DEL.~~

(a) The division will base its review on the coalition's compliance with School Readiness Program requirements in Chapter 1002, Part VI, F.S., the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) regulations located at Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 98, and the School Readiness Plan Guide.

~~(b)(4) Rejection of school readiness plans.~~ If DEL rejects a school readiness plan or amendment, it will ~~shall~~ specify, in writing, the grounds for rejection and. ~~If DEL rejects a school readiness plan amendment,~~ the early learning coalition must ~~shall~~ continue to operate under its prior approved plan.

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