

# Florida VPK

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is a free prekindergarten program for 4 and 5-year-olds who reside in Florida. Participating children must be 4 years of age on or before September 1. Parents can enroll their child in the state's free, voluntary prekindergarten (VPK) education program that year or wait until the following year when their child is 5.

You will also need to show or upload to the Florida Early Learning Family Portal:

- Proof you live in Florida (current utility bill in your name, current photo ID, or your most recent pay stub)
- Your child's birth certificate or passport

Voluntary Prekindergarten or VPK gives children a jump start by preparing them for school and enhancing their pre-reading, pre-math, language, and social skills. By developing the skills children need to become strong readers and students at an early age, children are more likely to be successful in school.

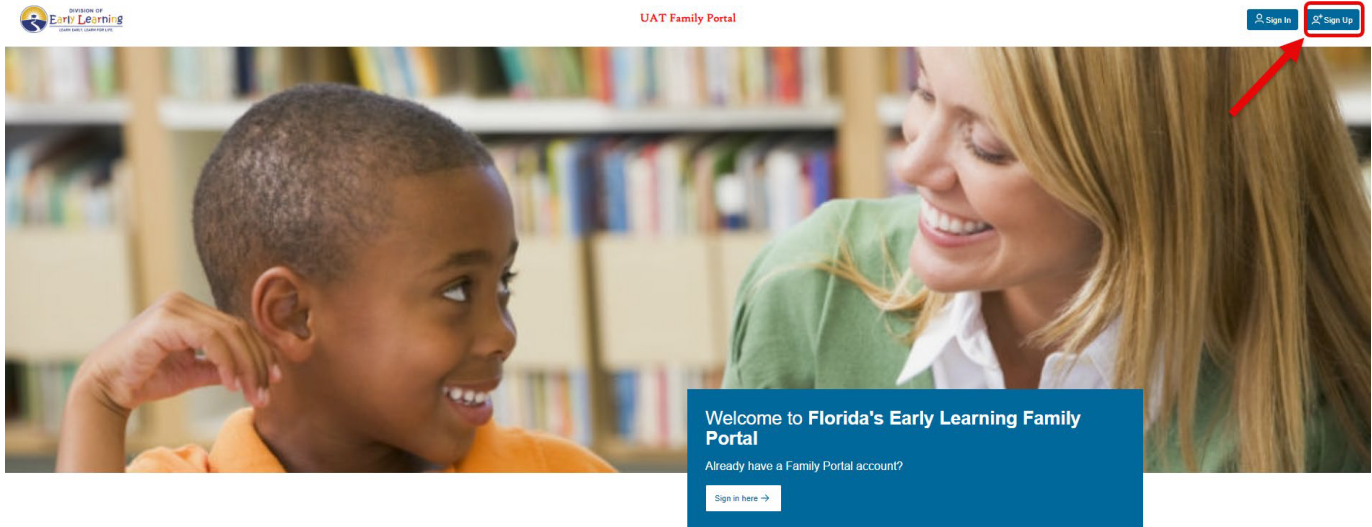
VPK classrooms offer high-quality programs that include high literacy standards, developmentally appropriate curricula, manageable class sizes, and qualified teachers. The school-year program includes 540 hours of instructional time and begins in August. The summer program consists of 300 instructional hours and can





## Instructions for Registering for VPK

**Step 1:** Go to [www.familyservices.floridaeearlylearning.com](http://www.familyservices.floridaeearlylearning.com) and click on Sign Up if you never had an account or Sign In if you already have an account. Each household should have only one account.



<b>Step 2:</b> If you never had an account, use your email address to create one. If you do not have an email address, you will need to create one.	<b>Step 3:</b> You will receive an email asking you to activate the account. Select the link to activate.
<b>Step 3:</b> Click on “Create a new VPK Application” ( <i>Review Parent Handbook and Parent Guide and click continue when finished</i> )	<b>Step 4:</b> Complete <u>all</u> portions of the VPK application
<b>Step 5:</b> Upload required documents (Age Verification, and Proof of Address). <i>IEP required for Specialized Instructional Services (SIS)</i>	<b>Step 6:</b> Electronically sign and Submit Application

### **What happens next?**

Submitted application will be reviewed by ELC Staff. Upon review, email confirmation will be sent to the applicant.

**Application Approved:** Parents will be instructed to log back in and download certificate of eligibility to print and take to a VPK approved provider of their choice.

**Application Rejected:** Parents will be instructed to log back in to make corrections to application and resubmit.

**Questions?** Please contact a ELC staff member at 239-935-6100