



2024 – 2025 VPK Lottery Information

Frequently Asked Questions

How old does my child need to be to attend VPK?	Students who are 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024 may apply. For the 2024 program year, children living in Florida must have been born between September 2, 2019 and September 1, 2020.
When is the Lottery Application Period?	The Lottery Application Period opens on January 1, 2024. The online application must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on February 29, 2024.
What VPK program may my child attend?	A student's whose home school is Title I can only attend a Title I VPK program. A student whose home school is a Non-Title I can only attend a Non-Title I VPK program. Parents will be required to provide 2 acceptable proofs of address to verify which school(s) the student is eligible to attend.
How many schools may I select for my application?	You may select up to 3 VPK programs that your child is eligible to attend in order of preference.
What are the steps for completing the VPK Lottery Application?	https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/15745 (To complete Steps 1 and 2) Step 1: Create a Student ID for your child Step 2: Create a Parent/Guardian Account (you must have a Student ID to complete this step) Step 3: Email the following to dcpssec@duvalschools.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student's full name and Student ID # 2 proofs of parent's identification and residency *Uploaded documents and addresses entered in Focus must match Step 4: Wait approximately 48 hours for the VPK Application to be uploaded to your Parent/Guardian Focus account.
Are there any lottery preferences?	Yes, the following preferences are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Employees including Food Service or Custodial Service Providers: A preference request may be submitted to the school the employee is assigned Military Dependent: Preference will be provided for a student living with active-duty affiliate member of the military. The parent/guardian must provide a copy of their active-duty orders. Please refer to School Board Policy 5.23 for complete details of eligibility and documentation requirements. Siblings: Admission priority will be given to eligible applicants with siblings already attending the requested school. Siblings are defined as brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister living in the same household of the applicant.
My child has an IEP. Can we still participate in the DCPS VPK Lottery?	Please contact the DCPS VPK ESE Office at 904.348.7866 for an IEP review. The VPK ESE Office will place eligible students into a program deemed most appropriate by the parent and district team.
When will I be notified of my child's status?	Parents will be notified by mid-April via email. Parents who receive an acceptance correspondence will have until May 31st to visit the school to complete then registration process by providing the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition (apply at www.elcduval.org) Birth Certificate Proof of Residency Current Florida Health Exam Form Current Florida Certificate of Immunization Seats will be released on June 1st if registration is not completed. Students who are not accepted through the lottery into any of the requested VPK programs are placed on a Waiting List. Students on the wait list may be contacted for admission as openings become available.
What happens if I miss the deadline?	Beginning June 3rd, parents will be contacted in order of placement on the wait list. Once the wait list has been exhausted any remaining seats will be available for the late application period.

For more information contact the DCPS Early Childhood Office at 904.630.6790 or dcpssec@duvalschools.org