



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida

Subject: VPK Provider Director Requirements		
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POLICY:

Section 1002.57 F.S. requires all private prekindergarten programs delivering the Voluntary Prekindergarten program to have a VPK credentialed Director. To ensure that quality and accountability of VPK Programs, effective July 1, 2010, the Coalition sets forth the following requirements for all VPK Directors of licensed, religious exempt and non-public school child care programs:

1. Directors of VPK programs must meet **all** of the following:

Must meet or exceed the same requirement of a prekindergarten instructor of VPK classes pursuant to ss. 1002.55, F.S. as follows:

- Level 2 background screening every five (5) years, which includes FBI clearance.
 - Requirements of the Director Credential of the Department of Children and Family Services for a child care facility under s. [402.305\(2\)\(f\)](#), F.S, Rule 65C-22.003 F.A.C, unless otherwise exempted by law.
 - Requirements of a VPK Director under 1002.55 (3), 1002.57, F.S. and Rule 6A.6.040 (2) F.A.C. unless otherwise exempted by law.
 - All screening and credentials must be kept current and active.
2. Documentation supporting that the VPK Director has met all requirements identified above must be submitted to the Coalition or designee prior to beginning a new VPK class, and subject to approval by the Coalition or designee.
 3. The Director of a VPK program is responsible for providing oversight to ensure that the program provided is developmentally appropriate and aligned with the VPK Education Standards. The Florida credential certificate program requires VPK Directors to remain onsite for a majority of the time of the program's hours of operation in order to fulfill that responsibility. (See AWI memo of 12-23-08)
 4. VPK Directors may not serve as a VPK Director for multiple facilities if those facilities have VPK programs that overlap each other. (See AWI memo of 12-23-08)
 5. Public schools are not subject to Section 1002.57 F.S. and therefore not subject to this requirement.

Associated Documents: VPK Statewide Provider Registration Application (VPK-10); VPK Provider Agreement (VPK-20) and Addendum

Citation History: 402.305, F.S.; 1002.55-79 F.S., Rules 65C-22 and 6A.6.040, F.A.C.