



Seminole County  
Public Schools

Florida **VPK**

# Seminole County Public School VPK Parent Orientation

# Welcome to SCPS Voluntary Prekindergarten!

We welcome you and your child to their first academic experience in a school setting.

In our VPK program we aim to offer a high quality, developmentally appropriate learning environment that builds a solid educational foundation through meaningful instructional practices.

- ▶ VPK Administrators

Mr. Brian Emmans, Director of Early Learning

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- ▶ Teacher on Assignment VPK Classroom/Curriculum Support (RT)

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- ▶ VPK Office Staff

Ms. Amy Goff-VPK Accountant,

Mrs. Deborah Baginski-Secretary Rinehart office,

Ms. Candace Brown-Secretary Early Learning Center,

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# Tuition

## VPK Tuition (designated paying sites only)

- ▶ \$360 month for designated full day sites
- ▶ Payment window 15<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month
- ▶ \$20 late fee will be added to the account if paid after the 25<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ After the 25<sup>th</sup> through the end of the month, VPK student may only be allowed to stay for the state paid 3 hour of instruction.
- ▶ Student may be administratively withdrawn from program due to non-payment (by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month) and or pick up issues due to non-payment

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# Transportation/Arrival/Dismissal

## Arrival

- ▶ Parents will need to adhere to their VPK school site drop off and pick up procedures
- ▶ We can not guarantee you child will receive breakfast if dropped off late or 1-5 minutes before the end of the breakfast period
- ▶ VPK students can only be dropped off or picked up by an approved adults 18 yrs. or older.
- ▶ School age siblings may not drop of or walk VPK students to class.
- ▶ VPK students may only be transported by car and or daycare transportation to and from school.
- ▶ VPK students do not ride district provided transportation (no school bus)
- ▶ Late arrivals must sign in at office.
- ▶ Habitual late arrivals can result in administrative withdraw from the VPK program



# Transportation/Arrival/Dismissal Cont.

## Dismissal

- ▶ Dismissal procedures are designated by the school site administration
- ▶ Please be in the car rider line on time
- ▶ Late pick up will result in a dollar a minute until someone arrives.
- ▶ If late pick up fee is not paid the VPK student may only stay for the State 3-hour VPK instructional block.
- ▶ If continued nonpayment of late fee or habitual late pick up occurs VPK student may be dismissed from program
- ▶ ALL full day sites will have early release on Wednesdays.
- ▶ PM VPK classes (Bentley, Casselberry, Lake Mary) will not release early on Wednesdays. They will follow normal dismissal schedule (approximately 3pm)
- ▶ We can not withhold your child from you on Wednesdays however, parents will have to follow the schools pick up procedure if wanting to pick up their VPK student early on Wednesday.

# The VPK Classroom

The VPK classroom is a home away from home where the students will be engaged in wonderful hands-on activities that are meant to spark their interests and create a love for learning.

## Parent “need to knows”

- ▶ Students will need a standard size backpack (non-rolling), a pair of change clothes (in a Ziplock bag clearly labeled) and a water bottle
- ▶ All VPK students must be completely toilet trained and can attend to his/her own toileting needs (wears underwear, no pullup or diaper and the child is able to change him/herself if they have an accident). This also includes remaining dry during rest time.
- ▶ Teachers are not allowed to assist a child in anyway in the restroom.
- ▶ Parents may be called to come and assist child if accident occurs. If child has frequent accidents he or she may be dismissed until child is fully toilet trained.
- ▶ Student Teacher Ratio 11:1 or 20:2. One state approved lead teacher and one state approved teacher assistant
- ▶ All VPK classrooms implement the Florida VPK Standards through the state approved curriculum Frog Street Press
- ▶ All VPK students will participate in the state progress monitoring assessment 3 times a year using STAR early literacy tool. Parent reports will sent home following each assessment.
- ▶ The state will visit each VPK teacher and will do a formal classroom observation using the CLASS observation tool. (Classroom assessment scoring system)
- ▶ Please adhere to SCPS student dress code (please feel free to dress your child in comfortable clothes you don't mind getting a little messy)

# The VPK Classroom Cont.

## Attendance

- ▶ The VPK program follows the SCPS student attendance calendar
- ▶ VPK students may only miss 30% (162 hours= 54 days) of their VPK hours of instruction.
- ▶ Parents must notify VPK teacher of all absences (in writing or via email), whether emergency (sick child) or planned (vacation)
- ▶ Students may not be absent more than 4 times month or ten days consecutively (not to exceed 54 days)
- ▶ Sporadic and/or habitual absences (strategically having your VPK student absent just 4 times a month, etc.) or habitual tardiness will result in administrative withdrawn from the program.
- ▶ If child is withdrawn due to attendance issues, parents may not re enroll in another SCPS VPK classroom.
- ▶ All VPK parents are required to fill out and return an attendance form at the end of each month.
- ▶ Attendance form must be turned in to the teacher within 24 hours of receiving it.
- ▶ Please do not make any changes to the attendance form, notify your child's teacher if there are any discrepancies.







# The VPK Classroom Cont.

## Breakfast/Lunch/Snack

- ▶ Breakfast is offered to all SCPS students (to include full day VPK students)
- ▶ School breakfast takes place during the school's designated arrival time.
- ▶ To ensure your child receives breakfast be sure to have him/her at school during the arrival period.
- ▶ Please report any nutritional needs to your child's teacher and please be sure to notify both the school's clinic personnel and your child's teacher of any allergies.
- ▶ All full day students will have the opportunity to have lunch and snack.
- ▶ Parents may bring a bagged lunch or purchase a school lunch or will receive a school lunch free of charge or at a reduced rate if applicable

## SNACK FULL DAY PARENTS ONLY

- ▶ Snack is at the discretion of the parent (snack is not a district or VPK provided meal)
- ▶ If providing your child with a snack (full day parents only) please be sure it is a single serve, easily opened item
- ▶ Due to the limited hours of instruction, AM/PM students will not receive breakfast, lunch or snack.





# The VPK Classroom Cont.

## Health

- ▶ For the health of your student and his/her classmates, if sick, please be sure to keep him/her home until they are well
- ▶ Parents will be called to pick up their child if the child:
  - Has a fever
  - Vomits
  - Has diarrhea
- ▶ The VPK student may return after a full day has passed and the child is no longer exhibiting symptoms
- ▶ All medication must go through the school's clinic personnel
- ▶ Parents will need to complete the Student Prescribed Medication Authorization Form if medicine needs to be dispensed to a child throughout the day.

## Communication

- ▶ VPK has themed communication newsletters that will go home via email or hard copy
- ▶ As a reminder all VPK students will participate in the state-wide VPK progress monitoring assessment three times a year. Parent letters will go home after each assessment
- ▶ VPK parent conferences are not required however but parents may request a conference at anytime throughout the year
- ▶ Please be sure your child's teacher has the most updated parent information
- ▶ Notify your child's teacher and the VPK office if any information changes

# The VPK Classroom Cont.

## Discipline

Through positive reinforcement, redirection, positive interactions among the teacher and students we aimed to help students learn to make appropriate decisions and choices regarding their behavior

- ▶ The following interventions may take place (not necessarily in the order below), if a VPK student's behavior is as such it is hurtful, harmful to himself/others and/or impedes the learning process of others, interventions may be implemented

Parent will be notified via written notification and/or phone call

Parent/teacher conference will take place

Parent will be asked to pick student up from school (Parent may/may not be asked to keep child home following day)

Teacher, Resource Teacher and parent will conference to develop a behavior plan

- ▶ If behavior does not improve after specified interventions, child may be administratively withdrawn from the program.
- ▶ If a child is withdrawn from the program due to behavior, parents may not reenroll their child in another SCPS VPK classroom. He/she will have to enroll in a VPK program offered by a private provider.



# Exceptional Student Education

- ▶ Children who have educational needs beyond the scope of a generalized VPK classroom may qualify for a more individualized Pre-K experience

Considerations for other PreK services include but not limited to:

- ▶ Students who have a current and active IEP (that include services other than speech)
- ▶ Student who have an active 504 plan
- ▶ Students who have had a careful classroom observation (by both the classroom teacher and resource teacher) and are referred for a BDI (Battelle Developmental Screener)
- ▶ Parent concern, observation and/or recommendation

# Thank you!

- ▶ Thank you for entrusting us with your child this year. If you have any VPK questions, please reach out to us at 407-320-0463.
- ▶ Have a super start to your child's school year.



Questions?

