



2017 SUMMER VPK PROVIDER *provisional as of 3/16/17*

This list gives general information on each provider, including program hours, accreditation status, curriculum used, VPK readiness rates, provider's or school's services and availability of before and after care. All providers on this list meet requirements to be licensed or accredited to offer VPK and meet the minimum standards for teacher qualifications and class size, as mandated by legislation, meaning that **every VPK class has at least one teacher with a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree** and that a VPK class must maintain a ratio of 12 children to 1. Some providers exceed this standard. Many hold Gold Seal accreditation.

For **specific information on teacher qualifications**, teaching philosophy, curriculum and the overall program, call individual providers. To observe classrooms, teacher interactions, and the learning environment, **visit the site so you can choose the program that is right for your child.**

- For VPK Readiness Rates and information go to <https://vpk.fldoe.org/Default2.aspx>. The State Board of Education is required by law to calculate a VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate every year for each private or public school VPK provider that offers either the school year or summer program. The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate measures how well the students of each VPK provider were prepared for kindergarten based upon Florida's VPK Education Standards. The VPK Education Standards describe what four-year-old children should know and be able to do by the end of their VPK experience. Visit <https://vpk.fldoe.org/Default2.aspx> to obtain VPK provider readiness rates.
- Find VPK providers by zip code and view licensing reports at the Florida Department of Children & Families website, <https://cares-sarasota.myflfamilies.com/PublicSearch>
- Summer VPK provider options could be centers, family child care homes, or public school sites.
- Some private VPK providers also participate in *Look for the Stars*, a Quality Rating and Improvement System in Sarasota County. Star levels are noted here for your reference; more information is available at www.lookforthestars.org.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES

Public School Summer VPK Programs: May 22, 2017 – July 27, 2017

Register after receipt of VPK certificate from Early Learning Coalition at:

<http://sarasotacountyschools.net>. Click on: "Students & Parents," then "New Student Registration"

Lamarque Elementary

3415 Lamarque Ave.
North Port 34286
941-426-6371

Registration begins March 27, 2017
Program Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:45 AM – 3:45 PM
Before and After Care Available: No
Number of VPK classrooms: 1 Ratios: 1:12
Curriculum: Creative
Readiness Rate: n/a

PRIVATE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Faith Early Learning Center

7750 Beneva Rd, Sarasota, 34238
Contact: Susan Carney 923-2509
Type of facility: Center
Program Hours: tbd
Start/End Date: tbd
Provider's services: Full Day, Half Day
Classrooms: Ratios: 1:12
Lead Teacher Credential:
Curriculum: Creative
Gold Seal Accredited: NA Readiness Rate: New
Look for the Stars: NA

Forty Carrots Family Center

1500 S. Tuttle Ave, Sarasota, 34239
Contact: Flora Oynick 365-7716
Type of facility: Center
Program Hours: tbd
Start/End Date: tbd
Provider's services: Half Day, Before and After School
Classrooms: Ratios: 1:12
Lead Teacher Credential:
Curriculum: Creative
Gold Seal Accredited: Yes Readiness Rate: 86*
Look for the Stars: 4

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<u>PRIVATE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS</u>	
<p>Indigo Montessori School 2643 Grand Cayman St, Sarasota, 34231 Contact: Melanie Smith 726-7129 Type of facility: Home Program Hours: tbd Start/End Date: tbd Provider's services: Full Day, Half Day, Drop In, Night Care, Before /After School, Weekend Care, Infant Care, Food Served Classrooms: Ratios: 1:12 Lead Teacher Credential: Curriculum: Wee Learn Gold Seal Accredited: N/A Readiness Rate: New Look for the Stars: NA</p>	<p>Koala Early Education Center 3710 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota, 34234 Contact: Adelina Pereira 378-2362 Type of facility: Center Program Hours: tbd Start/End Date: tbd Provider's services: Full Day, Half Day, Before School, After School, Infant Care, Food Served Classrooms: Ratios: 1:12 Lead Teacher Credential: Curriculum: Creative Gold Seal Accredited: No Readiness Rate: 75* Look for the Stars: 4</p>
<p>Precious Jewels 2700 Leon Ave., Sarasota, 34234 Contact: Angela Mathis 360-1122 Type of facility: Center Program Hours: tbd Start/End Date: tbd Provider's services: Full Day, Half Day, Drop In, Night Care, Before School, After School, Food Served Classrooms: Ratios: 1:12 Lead Teacher Credential: Curriculum: Beyond Circles & Center Time Gold Seal Accredited: No Readiness Rate: New Look for the Stars: NA</p>	

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