



2021 SUMMER VPK PROVIDER *provisional as of 04/29/21*

****NOTE: The following providers have indicated an interest in offering VPK for the summer, however may not yet have completed the approval process. Please contact the provider for an update on their status.****

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://vpkrates.floridaearlylearning.com/home>. 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://vpkrates.floridaearlylearning.com/home> 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 <https://lookforthestars.org/>.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE
<p>Public School Summer VPK Programs: TBD</p> <p>Register after receipt of VPK certificate from Early Learning Coalition at: http://sarasotacountyschools.net. Click on: “Parents & Students,” then “Register Your Child”</p>
<p>Lamarque Elementary 3415 Lamarque Ave., North Port 34286 941-426-6371 Registration begins TBD Program Hours: 7:45am to 3:45pm Before and After Care Available: No Number of VPK classrooms: 1 Ratios: 1:12 Curriculum: Frog Street Readiness Rate: 50</p>

