

VPK Documents – Excerpt from Rule 6M-8.201

(a) Age Eligibility. The early learning coalition must determine if a child is eligible based on the age requirement in Section 1002.53, F.S., by accepting the following documents showing the child's name and date of birth:

1. An original or certified copy of the child's birth record filed according to law with the appropriate public officer;
2. An original or certified copy of the child's certificate of baptism or other religious record of the child's birth, accompanied by a notarized affidavit stating that the certificate is true and correct, sworn to or affirmed by the child's parent;
3. An insurance policy on the child's life which has been in force for at least two years;
4. A passport or certificate of the child's arrival in the United States;
5. An immunization record signed by a public health officer or licensed practicing physician; or
6. A valid military dependent identification card or a federal or state government issued identification card.
7. If no supporting documents listed in subparagraphs (2)(a)1.-6. above are available, a coalition may accept a parent's notarized affidavit of the child's age accompanied by a letter on official letterhead signed by a public health officer or physician stating that the child's age shown in the affidavit is true and correct.

(b) Residential Eligibility. To be eligible for the VPK Program, a child must reside in Florida. The early learning coalition must keep a record of at least one of the following supporting documents that shows the name and residential address of a parent with whom the child resides:

1. Utility (electric, gas, water), cable, internet, home or cellular phone bill dated within 12 months of the date the child application is submitted;
2. Pay stub dated within 12 months of the date the child application is submitted;
3. Residential rental agreement or receipt from rental payment dated within 12 months of the date the child application is submitted;
4. Government-issued document (for example, Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, property tax assessment showing a homestead exemption);
5. Military order showing that the child's parent is a service member in the United States Armed Forces and is assigned to duty in Florida when the child attends the VPK Program;
6. Federal government order showing that the child's parent is a federal employee assigned to work in Florida when the child attends the VPK Program;
7. A Florida Migrant Education Program Certificate of Eligibility (COE) Form from the Florida Department of Education;
8. If no supporting documents listed in subparagraphs (2)(b)1.-7. above are available, a coalition may accept a notarized affidavit from the child's parent accompanied by a letter from a landlord, property owner, or property leasee which confirms that the child resides at the address shown in the affidavit;
9. If no supporting documents listed in subparagraphs (2)(b)1.-8. above are available for a child who is experiencing homelessness as defined in Section 1003.01(12), F.S., a coalition must document residency based on other supporting documents showing that the child who is experiencing homelessness resides in Florida (for example, but not limited to, letter from a homeless shelter, homeless referral, student residency questionnaire issued by the local school district or notarized statement from the child's parent).