

FREE Kaplan Shine Tablets for VPK Classrooms

Dear VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) Provider,

ECS (EPISCOPAL CHILDREN S SERVICES) through funding received from the ELC (Early Learning Coalition) of North Florida is purchasing Kaplan Shine tablets for your VPK classrooms. You do not need to apply for these tablets since we are purchasing them for you. They will be shipped to you in the following weeks directly from Kaplan. These tablets are preloaded with Kaplan early learning software and are made to withstand the rough use that is expected in a preschool classroom. You will only need to sign the receiving and send it to us at arpagrants@ecs4kids.org using "Shine Tablet Receipts" as the subject line. To learn more about the tablets, you can visit https://www.kaplanco.com/Shine/. We hope these tablets will enrich the learning experiences of your VPK students for years to come.

In addition to the Shine tablets, we will also be offering a stipend for up to \$500 to purchase tablets, headphones, and cases for tablets for each of your VPK classrooms to be used for the FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking) assessment. To apply for this stipend please go to https://forms.office.com/r/h9JHafkj4L. You can also apply by going to https://www.ecs4kids.org/grants/ and looking for the dark pink button that says," Early Learning Tech (ADGLS). It is a simple application that will take less than 5 minutes to complete. You will need to know the number of approved VPK classrooms your program currently has in addition to your basic demographic information.

We can advance you the funds if you like or purchase the equipment and then apply for reimbursement. Either way, we will need your signed receipts once your purchase is complete. The final date to apply for this grant is January 21, 2024. You will be notified by email upon approval of your application. Payments will be made by the end of the following month based on when our funding is received.

Thank you for all you do to make sure your students are ready for school success!

Best regards, Teresa Matheny

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