



VPK Provider Performance Metrics and Designations

Dear VPK Provider,

Beginning with the 2024-25 VPK program year, a performance metric was calculated for each VPK provider based on three components: quality classroom instruction, child achievement and child learning gains. A performance designation is assigned based on the performance metric. These are used to measure and hold providers accountable for quality instruction that leads to child learning growth and kindergarten readiness, and to prompt and support improvement where necessary.

The performance designations are assigned based on the total points earned for the three components and are as follows:

Performance Metric Performance Designation

61 points or higher	Excellent
46-60 points	Above Expectations
28-45 points	Meets Expectations
16-27 points	Below Expectations
0-15 points	Unsatisfactory

Any VPK provider assigned a performance metric designation of "Below Expectations" or "Unsatisfactory" will be placed on probation.

Additionally, for VPK providers to earn a designation, they must meet the following criteria: have sufficient data for all three components and serve a minimum of four children who have completed more than 50% of the total number of instructional hours of the VPK program in the same provider's program. Providers that did not meet the criteria to calculate a VPK provider performance metric will receive the designation of "Incomplete".

In accordance with Rule 6M-8.700, Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Provider with Incomplete Status, Provider on Probation and Good Cause Exemption, F.A.C., incomplete providers are required to complete a technical assistance plan and a provider on probation (POP) is required to complete an improvement plan.

The performance metrics and designations are now available for viewing on the Department of Early Learning's (DEL) VPK Program Accountability website:

VPK Program Accountability

If your VPK program is designated as incomplete or a POP, you will be receiving an email within the next several days from ECS4Kids regarding your designation with instructions and forms that must be completed. You may also refer to DEL's VPK Program Accountability website (**VPK Program Accountability**) for helpful information such as rules, guides, frequently asked questions (FAQ's) and forms. If you have any questions, please reach out to ECS4Kids by sending an email to **VPK@ecs4kids.org** and we will respond as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience.

Thank you,
ECS4Kids



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