

10 Things Your Child Should Know Before Entering

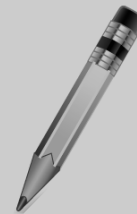
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The thought of your child starting a VPK program may make you feel a variety of emotions.

You may feel proud that your child is ready while at the same time, you may feel sad that he/she is old enough for the VPK Program. Below is a simple list to serve as a guide for 10 things your child should know before entering a VPK program. You can use this guide to work with your child prior to him/her entering the VPK program. As a reminder, this is just a guide for some of the milestones your child should have reached. It is not intended, however, to measure whether he/she is eligible for VPK.

1. Can hold a pencil
2. Can sort objects by shape and color
3. Can count up to five objects
4. Can draw simple shapes
5. Can draw a person with two to four body parts
6. Can use scissors
7. Can match an object in their hand or class room to a picture in a book
8. Can complete a puzzle with 4-12 pieces
9. Can participate in cooperative play with others
10. Can dress and undress without assistance



How To Enroll Your Child in Florida's FREE VPK Program

To enroll your child (who is four years of age on or before September 1st of the program year) in Florida's FREE VPK program, you'll need to bring these documents to one of the four Coalition offices:

1. **Child's proof of age** (birth certificate or shot record)
2. **Parent's proof of current address** (driver's license or utility bill)

At the Coalition office, you will complete a one page application. The Coalition will give you the child's eligibility certificate which you may take to the child care center or family child care home of your choice.

For more information, call (727) 233-8291 or visit www.phelc.org

