



2009 Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Information

By constitutional amendment, the State of Florida provides free pre-kindergarten education for all four-year-old children. The program provides 540 hours of free education, normally delivered as 3 hours a day for 180 days (in parallel with the county school year). This program has been found to be essential in preparing children for Kindergarten; children who don't attend VPK are at a serious disadvantage compared to their peers who attended school year VPK. The Village Academy *North* is currently accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year.

Key facts:

- Your child must be four years of age by September 1 and reside in Florida
- Your provider may NOT charge a registration fee or a materials fee
- Your provider may NOT require you to agree to any additional services
- Class sizes are limited to 10 children with one teacher, or 18 children with one teacher and one aide

How we are different:

- We use the same curriculum provider used by the St Johns County School system for their Kindergarten programs: Houghton Mifflin
- Our lead teachers in each classroom have at least a Bachelor's Degree
- Together with our Main Campus - The Village Academy - we have graduated more VPK students than any other school in the county.

You can enroll your child in the VPK program at The Village Academy at any time on a first-come, first-served basis. We will charge you a \$50 reservation fee, which will be returned to you on the first day of class. However, by the first day of class you must receive a Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition of St Johns and Putnam counties.

Also, by the first day of class, we must have the Certificate of Eligibility, a physical examination form, and a "Blue Form 680" immunization record. Certificates of Eligibility are typically obtained at "Round-Up" meetings held by the Early Learning Coalition at places throughout the County.

The schedule for those meetings published to date are:

April 20 4:30 – 6:30	Ponce de Leon Mall	May 18 4:00 – 6:00 pm	Ponte Vedra Library
June 15 4:30 – 6:30	Ponce de Leon Mall	July 14 4:30 – 6:30 pm	Bartram Trail Library
July 27 4:30 – 6:30	Ponce de Leon Mall	Aug 20 4:30 – 6:30 pm	Ponce de Leon Mall

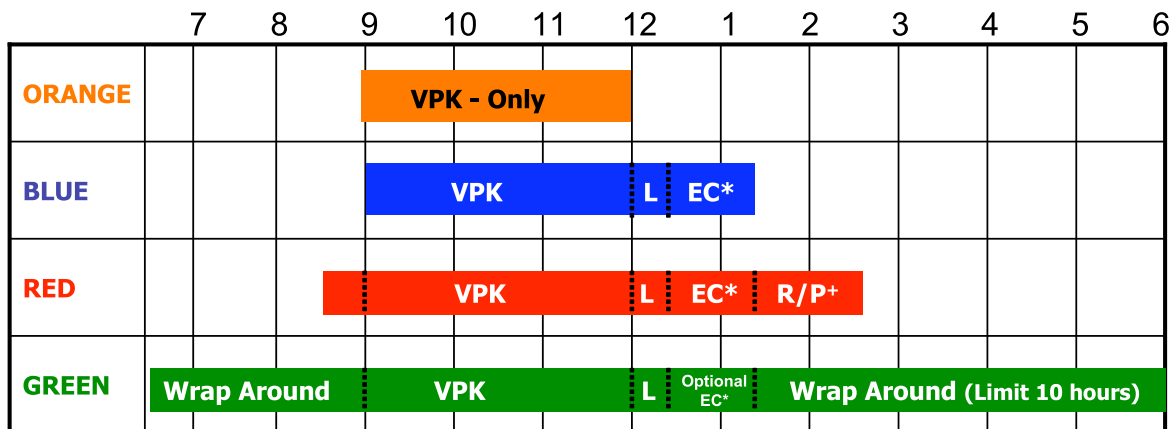
For more information about enrollment, go to the following web site <http://sunkidz.net/vpk.htm> and then click on Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten.

VPK Scheduling Options

To meet the needs of our parents, we are going to offer four VPK options. Remember, there is never a charge for the 3-hour VPK instructional period.

Program	Description	Hours	Fee
VPK- Orange	3-hour class only	9:00 – 12:00	\$0
VPK – Blue	VPK, plus 1 to 4 Enrichment Classes: Music & Theatre, Gymnastics, Sign Language, and Spanish. Includes lunch.	9:00 – 1:15	By class: 1 per week: \$19 2 per week: \$35 3 per week: \$50 4 per week: \$60
VPK – Red	VPK Reduced-Day. 5-day program. Includes VPK, all four Enrichment classes, lunch, and a play/rest period.	8:30 – 2:30	\$106 per week
VPK – Green	VPK with all day wrap-around. Includes two snacks and lunch. (Enrichment Classes available as an additional-cost option.)	6:30 am to 6:00 pm. Max 10 hrs.	\$106 per week

These same program options are illustrated below:



*EC = Enrichment Class L= Lunch *RP = Rest/Play