

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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**2021 Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK)
Parent Questions and Answers (Q&A)**

What is Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Summer VPK is a FREE, full-day instructional program offered 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday, from June 21 – August 3, 2021. Student hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and includes breakfast, lunch and snack. Summer instruction and activities are fun, engaging, aligned with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards and will help prepare your child for successful entry into Kindergarten in the Fall.

Will there be any cost for Summer VPK?

There is **no cost** to parents for the 2021 BCPS - Summer VPK program.

Eligibility

Children with a 2020-2021 VPK Certificate of Eligibility that was not used during the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to apply. For more information, visit the Head Start/VPK website at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/headstart-vpk>

	School	Address	City	Zip
1	Gulfstream Early Learning Center	120 SW 4th Avenue	Hallandale Beach	33009
2	Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy	591 NW 31 Avenue	Ft. Lauderdale	33311
3	North Lauderdale PK-8	7500 Kimberly Blvd.	North Lauderdale	33068
4	Orange Brook Elementary	715 S. 46 Avenue	Hollywood	33021
5	Peters Elementary	851 NW 68 Avenue	Plantation	33317
6	Plantation Elementary	651 NW 42nd Avenue	Plantation	33317
7	Pompano Beach Elementary	700 NE 13 Avenue	Pompano Beach	33060
8	Sea Castle Elementary	9600 Miramar Blvd.	Miramar	33025
9	Stephen Foster Elementary	3471 SW 22 Street	Ft. Lauderdale	33312
10	Tedder Elementary	4157 NE First Terrace	Deerfield Beach	33064
11	Village Elementary	2100 NW 70th Avenue	Sunrise	33313
12	Walker Elementary	1001 NW 4 Street	Ft. Lauderdale	33311
13	Westwood Heights Elementary	2861 SW Ninth Street	Fort Lauderdale	33312

How do I apply for the 2021 Summer VPK Program?

- To apply, parents complete 2 steps:
 - **Step 1:** Acquire a valid VPK Certificate of Eligibility via the [State's Family Portal \(https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/Account/LogOn\)](https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/Account/LogOn)
 - **Step 2:** Apply for the BCPS 2021 Summer VPK program online via the [BCPS – VPK Parent Portal \(https://browardschools.knack.com/broward-schools-poc#welcome-page/\)](https://browardschools.knack.com/broward-schools-poc#welcome-page/)

What is the cost of this program?

There is no cost for the BCPS Summer VPK program.

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What are the hours and dates my child(ren) will attend the Summer VPK Program?

The BCPS Summer VPK Program is a full day prekindergarten program that operates Monday – Thursday only. A great deal of learning will take place in the classroom from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning Monday, June 21, 2021 through Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Are meals provided throughout the day?

Breakfast, lunch, and snack are provided to all students participating in the BCPS Summer VPK Program.

How many children are in a class?

There are 12 children assigned to a class with 1 certified teacher. In some cases, there will also be a Teacher Assistant assigned to a Summer VPK classroom.

What is the attendance policy?

All children are expected to attend the Summer VPK Program each day. However, if your child is absent, you are required to provide a written excuse to your child's teacher. A child who is absent for (3) or more days during the summer VPK program will not be guaranteed continued enrollment and may be withdrawn. Parents are expected to drop off and pick up their children on time every day. A child shall be withdrawn from the program if they are repeatedly late to class or not picked up on time.

Will my child's progress be monitored and/or assessed?

Yes, the students will be assessed two times during the summer using the State required VPK Assessment. The first assessment, called Assessment Period 1, or AP1, will be administered during the first two weeks of summer. The scores will provide the teacher and program with baseline information about your child's skill levels. The assessment scores also help to individualize instruction to meet the needs of your child.

The second assessment, called Assessment Period 3, or AP3, takes place one to two weeks prior to the end of the summer session. The combination of scores from AP1 and AP3 will help the teachers and parents determine what skills are mastered and those that need more attention.

Will transportation be provided?

No, transportation is not provided for Summer VPK. Parents are responsible for all transportation to and from school each day.

NOTE: Students with disabilities that have summer transportation indicated on their child's IEP may be provided transportation. Parents should contact their school's ESE Specialists to review their child's IEP prior to applying for Summer VPK.

Will there be field trips and other activities scheduled for Summer VPK?

No. There are no planned field trips for Summer VPK.