



# POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Preschool Programs

### 2017-2018



## PROGRAM OPTIONS

### Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

- Your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017.
- Free 3 instructional hours in either an AM or PM class (540 hours).
- No meals or transportation provided.
- VPK Certificate of Eligibility required. [www.elcpolk.org](http://www.elcpolk.org)

### Full Pay/School Day Program

- Full school day programs (regular elementary school hours) are available on a limited basis.
- Parents must submit a VPK Certificate of Eligibility **with** a payment agreement (\$12 per day/\$216 monthly)
- Payment agreements must be signed and first month paid prior to service.
- There are no registration or supply fees.
- Parents are responsible for lunch and transportation.
- Before and after school care offered for an additional fee at some locations through Kid Care Program.

### Polk County Schools – Employees (only)

- PCS employees are required to complete an automatic payroll withdrawal and submit a VPK Certificate of Eligibility.
- Fees will be automatically deducted from employee's paycheck at the end of each month.

### Title1 PK

- Title 1 PK is a federally funded program available in a limited number of schools. It is a full school day program for students zoned at the specific Title1 schools at no cost to parents.
- Parent must submit a VPK Certificate of Eligibility. [www.elcpolk.org](http://www.elcpolk.org)
- Other restrictions may apply.

## To Enroll Your Child in a Polk School PK Programs

1. Obtain VPK Certificate of Eligibility
2. Complete PCS application with the following documents:
  - Original VPK Certificate of Eligibility
  - Copy of child's certified Birth Certificate (not hospital record)
  - Parent/Guardian picture ID
  - Payment agreement and 1<sup>st</sup> payment, if applicable
3. If selected, a letter of acceptance will include the steps to enroll at the school.



Individual schools cannot accept applications. For information on space availability, additional questions, and to submit the completed applications contact:

**POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**  
**3425 NEW JERSEY ROAD**  
**LAKELAND, FL 33803**

**(863) 648-3051**

[www.polk-fl.net/preschoolprograms](http://www.polk-fl.net/preschoolprograms)  
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*The Mission of Polk County Schools is to provide a high quality education for all students.*



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The Early Learning Coalition of Polk County (Polk ELC) is the agency that determines eligibility and issues certificates for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program.

#### ✓ Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

The Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK) is a FREE educational program created to prepare every four-year-old in Florida for kindergarten and to build the foundation for their educational success.

#### Requirements:

- To be eligible for the VPK Program your child must
- be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017
  - reside in the State of Florida

#### Steps to get a VPK Certificate:

- Log on to [www.elcpolk.org](http://www.elcpolk.org)
- Go to “PARENTS”
- Go to “VPK”
- Go to “FAMILY PORTAL - ONLINE APPLICATION”
- Read welcome page and information
- Register your email
- Go to your email and activate your account to start application
- Follow the online directions



**Once you have your child’s VPK Certificate of Eligibility, please contact the Polk County Schools Preschool Programs to reserve a space in a public school program and submit the application and documentation.**

Polk County Schools Preschool Programs  
 Woodlake Center  
 3425 New Jersey Road  
 Lakeland, Florida 33803  
 863-648-3051

#### Questions about the VPK Certificate of Eligibility?

Lakeland	Winter Haven	Lake Wales
115 South Missouri Ave. Suite 201 Lakeland, FL 33801  863-577-2450	203 Avenue A, NW Suite 200 Winter Haven, FL 33881  863-508-2037	120 SR 60 Lake Wales, FL 33853  863-676-3708