

**6M-4.741 Program Assessment Threshold Requirements for the School Readiness Program.**

(1) Contract Minimum Threshold.

(a) In accordance with Rule 6M-4.740, F.A.C. providers must have a program assessment conducted and meet the Contract Minimum Threshold prior to executing a School Readiness Contract. The provider must receive a minimum program assessment composite score of 2.51 (rounding two decimals) to participate in the School Readiness Program.

(2) Quality Improvement Threshold.

(a) In accordance with Rule 6M-4.740, F.A.C. providers that meet the Contract Minimum Threshold score but do not meet the Quality Improvement Threshold shall be placed on a Quality Improvement Plan, in accordance with the School Readiness Contract, for 12 months. The Quality Improvement Threshold is a program assessment composite score of 3.00 (rounding two decimals)

(b) Providers that have been on a Quality Improvement Plan for 12 months and do not meet or exceed a 3.00 (rounding to two decimals) composite program assessment score at the next annual program assessment will have their School Readiness contract terminated by the coalition in accordance with Rule 6M-4.740, F.A.C.

(c) Beginning with the 2019-20 School Readiness contract year and subsequent years, providers who have not previously been placed on a Quality Improvement Plan that have program assessment results that fall below a 3.00 (rounding to two decimals) composite program assessment score, as defined in Rule 6M-4.740, F.A.C., but meet the contract minimum threshold will be placed on a Quality Improvement Plan for 12 months pursuant to Rule 6M-4.740, F.A.C.

(3) Program Assessment Scores and Annual Program Assessment Exemption.

(a) Providers that receive a composite program assessment score, as defined in Rule 6M-4.740, F.A.C., of a 5.00 (rounding to two decimals) shall be considered exempt from the annual program assessment requirement, pursuant to Rule 6M-4.740, F.A.C., and shall have a program assessment conducted biennially.

(b) If a provider falls below a composite program assessment score, as defined in Rule 6M-4.740, F.A.C., of a 5.00 (rounding to two decimals) during the biennial program assessment, the provider will no longer be considered exempt and shall have a program assessment conducted annually.