



## Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Specialized Instructional Services (VPK SIS)

### What is VPK SIS?

Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Specialized Instructional Services (VPK SIS) program is an additional option for parents of 4-year-old children with disabilities. This option is available outside of the traditional VPK classroom setting. If a child has a current Individual Educational Plan (IEP) from their local school district that includes specialized instructional services, parents may choose VPK SIS instead of the traditional VPK school-year or summer program.

### Who is eligible?

Children who live in Florida, are 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current year and have a current IEP from their local school district are eligible. Parents must apply for VPK and select the SIS option through ELCPH. ELCPH will review applications and provide next steps. Once approved, families will receive a Certificate of Eligibility to present to a VPK SIS provider.

### What are VPK SIS services?

VPK SIS are services identified on enrolled children's IEPs offered in individual or small group settings such as:

- Applied behavior analysis
- Speech language pathology
- Occupational therapy
- Listening and spoken language instruction
- Other specialized instructional services consistent with a child's IEP
- Physical therapy

Parents select from providers approved by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and choose from one or more services. Each student's funding is the same as for traditional VPK but is based on the rates these specialists charge for their services. Therefore, students in VPK SIS may receive fewer hours of service than students in traditional VPK.

### Who are VPK SIS providers?

FDOE has approved the following professionals to be VPK SIS providers:

- Licensed physical therapists
- Licensed clinical social workers
- Licensed psychologists
- Other licensed professionals who have applied to and been approved by FDOE
- Individuals certified or licensed for applied behavior analysis
- Licensed speech-language pathologists
- Licensed occupational therapists

**Do you have questions about VPK SIS? Contact the ELCPH  
Contract Compliance Team for additional information.**