2025-2026 M-DCPS VPK LOTTERY



Apply to M-DCPS VPK Programs starting January 21st!

Beginning January 21st, you can apply to your Neighborhood Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DPCS) VPK Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

What are VPK Programs?

The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program is a <u>free</u> educational program that prepares every 4-year-old in Florida for kindergarten and builds the foundation for their educational success. M-DCPS VPK Programs offers each child an opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life by offering *high-quality* programs that include developmentally appropriate curricula with a focus on early literacy skills, developmental standards, accountability, substantial instruction periods, manageable class size, and qualified instructors.

Who Can Apply?

Students who turn four years of age on or before September 1, 2025. If the child's fourth birthday falls between February 2 through September 1 in a calendar year, parents may postpone enrolling their child in VPK until the following year when their child is 5 years old. Parents must provide documents showing proof of age and address for participation in the lottery. Proof of address will be used to verify neighborhood boundary school.

How Do I Apply?

1. Access the M-DPCS Parent Portal

Visit <u>www.dadeschools.net</u>, click "Portal," followed by "Parents." Sign in using your Apple or Google Account or use the QR Code below.

2. Click on VPK Application

Follow the instructions to begin the application and upload all required documentation directly through the system.

3. Submit Your Application by March 7th.

When Will I be Notified?

Selection occurs through a random lottery process and notifications will be sent via email on **March 15**, **2025**.



We look forward to welcoming you to our M-DCPS Family!





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Proof of Identification (Must provide one)

- Official Birth Certificate
- Other Accepted ID: Passport, Baptismal Certificate, Insurance Policy



Proof of Address (Must provide two)

- Lease Agreement
- Property Deed
- Electric Billing Statement

Immunizations (Must provide both)

- Student Physical Examination (HRS Form 3040-Yellow Form)
- Certificate of Immunizations (HRS Form 680-Blue Form)

Prekindergarten Requirements

- Certificate of Eligibility (www.vpkhelp.org)
- 4 years-old on or before September 1st

*Proof of Identification and proof of address is needed for the VPK application process.





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