



**School District of Manatee County**  
**VPK Choice Application for the 2020-2021 School Year**  
**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION PRIOR TO MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
[\*\*vpkchoice@manateeschools.net\*\*](mailto:vpkchoice@manateeschools.net)

**Part A: VPK Certificate of Eligibility**

Do you have a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, issued by the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, for the school year 2020-2021? If not, please visit the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County's website at [www.elc-manatee.org](http://www.elc-manatee.org) or 941-757-2900.

**Please attach your 2020-2021 VPK Certificate to your VPK Choice Application.**

**Part B: Student and Parent Information**

<b>Student:</b>			
<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Last</i>	<i>DOB</i>
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<i>(Home Address)</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip</i>
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<b>Enrolling Parent:</b>			
<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Last</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
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Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____	Emergency Phone _____	
<b>Email Address:</b> _____			
<i>**Results from the SDMC VPK Choice Application will be sent via email. **</i>			

**Part C: VPK Choice**

- ✓ VPK is a FREE 3 hour per day program.
- ✓ Families who live in a Title 1 school zone and choose a VPK program at a Title 1 school are eligible for a full school day program (8:30-3:20 PM) free of charge. Address verification is required. **Title 1 Schools: Abel, Ballard, Bayshore, Blackburn, Daughtrey, Manatee El., Moody, Oneco, Palm View, Palmetto, Prine, Rogers Garden Bullock, Samoset, Sea Breeze, Tillman**
- ✓ Full day VPK programs (8:30-3:15 PM) at a Non-Title 1 school require a monthly fee of \$275 and a \$30 non-refundable registration fee.
- ✓ Families may choose a VPK program at their zoned school or a VPK program from their elementary school zoned cluster.
- ✓ A student's zoned school is the school in the boundary area based on the geographical location of the enrolling parent /guardian's home address. Verification of current address is required to complete enrollment.
- ✓ To locate student's attendance zone and to determine the elementary zone cluster, go to the following link and enter your address: (<https://www.manateeschools.net/Page/5786>)
- ✓ Children who are 4 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>, of the academic year.

**Part C: VPK Choice (cont.)**

1. What is your zoned school? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you zoned for a Title 1 school?  YES  NO

**Title 1 Schools: Abel, Ballard, Bayshore, Blackburn, Daughtrey, Manatee El., Moody, Oneco, Palm View, Palmetto, Prine, Rogers Garden Bullock, Samoset, Sea Breeze, Tillman**

Please indicate preference below 1 for your first choice, 2 for your second choice and 3 for your third choice.

**North Cluster**  
\_\_\_\_ Blackburn-Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Barbara Harvey  
\_\_\_\_ Mills  
\_\_\_\_ Palmetto EL-Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Tillman-Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Johnson K8  
  
NO VPK @ Palm View-Title 1

**Southeast Cluster**  
\_\_\_\_ Bashaw  
\_\_\_\_ Braden River Elementary  
\_\_\_\_ Lakewood Ranch HS  
\_\_\_\_ Johnson K-8  
\_\_\_\_ McNeal  
\_\_\_\_ Myakka  
\_\_\_\_ Tara  
\_\_\_\_ Willis

**West Cluster**  
\_\_\_\_ Palma Sola  
\_\_\_\_ Sea Breeze -Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Stewart  
\_\_\_\_ Johnson K8  
  
NO VPK @ Anna Maria

**South Cluster**  
\_\_\_\_ Abel- Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Bayshore-Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Daughtrey@Harlee-Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Johnson K8  
\_\_\_\_ Kinnan  
\_\_\_\_ Oneco - Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Samoset- Title 1

**Northeast Cluster**  
\_\_\_\_ Freedom  
\_\_\_\_ Williams  
\_\_\_\_ Witt  
\_\_\_\_ Lakewood Ranch HS  
\_\_\_\_ Johnson K8  
  
NO VPK@ Gullett

**Central Cluster**  
\_\_\_\_ Ballard-Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Manatee -Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Miller  
\_\_\_\_ Moody-Title 1  
\_\_\_\_ Prine-Title 1  
  
NO VPK@Rogers Garden Bullock-Title 1

**Part D: VPK Programs**

Which program are you planning for your child to attend?

- VPK Only (8:30-11:30 AM) FREE
- VPK plus Full Day (8:30-3:15 PM) \$275 per month plus a \$30 registration fee (non-refundable)
- VPK plus Title 1 Full Day (8:30-3:15 PM) FREE- Students must be zoned to at Title 1 School and must choose to attend a Title 1 School.

**Part E: Considerations**

If there are more applicants than space available at a choice school, priority will be considered using the following criteria:

*(Documentation may be requested)*

- Are you choosing your zoned school or a school in your zone cluster?
- Children who are 4 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>, of the academic year. (Children with VPK delayed enrollment certificates are not eligible for placement in a school district VPK program.)
- Has your family moved in the past 3 years for farming or fishing purposes (Migrant Status)?
- Is your VPK child currently in Foster Care?
- Are the student's parents or guardian in active military duty? (Active duty refers to full-time duty in the active military, including members of the Reserve Components on full-time training duty. It does not include full-time National Guard duty)
- Is your family considered homeless?
- Student's **Parent/Guardian** is employed by the School District of Manatee County  
Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does your VPK child have a sibling who attends the requested school site?  
Name of Sibling(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
School and grade(s) of the sibling(s) for 2020-2021: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part F: Child Development Survey

- YES  NO Has your child ever been screened or is in the process of evaluation in any developmental area through a physician, SDMC Evaluation Center, private therapist, therapy center or a Public School? *(If so circle agency)*
- YES  NO Do you have concerns with your child's speech or use of language?  
*If no, please remember that children who are 4 years old should typically talk in complete sentences and 90% of their speech is understood by other adults*
- YES  NO Do you have any concerns about your child's behavior?  
*If no, please remember that a typically developing 4 year old should be able to establish positive relationships with peers and adults. Children should be able to regulate and express their emotions appropriately.*

***If you answered YES to any of the above questions or have additional concerns regarding your child's development, please contact the School District of Manatee County-PreK Evaluation Center at 941-721-2300.***

## Part G: Enrolling Parent Must Read and Agree to Parental Commitment

*Please initial each statement*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am committed to supporting the school I have selected.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am committed to fulfilling the school's parental requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that permission to attend the school may be revoked due to poor attendance, punctuality or behavior.

## Part H: General Choice Information

There is no transportation provided for VPK students. Families are responsible for providing transportation for the VPK student to and from school.

Completing an application for VPK Choice **DOES NOT** guarantee assignment to a choice school. Placement decision will be based upon school zone, school zone clusters and considerations listed in this application.

VPK School sites are subject to change based on specific school enrollment and unit allocations.

## Part I: VPK Choice Application Submission and Review Process

**SDMC VPK Choice applications must be submitted via email or in person by March 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 by 5:00 PM EST**

- Submission email: [vpkchoice@manateeschools.net](mailto:vpkchoice@manateeschools.net)
- Submission in person: SDMC Department of Early Learning, Harllee Full Service Center, 6423 9<sup>th</sup> St. E., Bradenton, FL 34203

Applicants should receive an EMAIL with the results by Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If your email changes or you do not receive an email with the results of your application, please contact the SDMC Department of Early Learning, 941-753-0958 ext. 2000

*Thank you,*

for applying for VPK Choice within the School District of Manatee County.

