



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY

## Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

# 2023-2024 VPK CHOICE

## February 6<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2023



- WHO:** Children who turn four (4) years old by September 1st, 2023 and have a valid VPK Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County is eligible for VPK.
- WHAT:** VPK is 540 hours of free education (8:30 - 11:30 AM daily) throughout the school year. During Manatee County VPK School Choice, parents have an opportunity to select the VPK school site and program that will best meet their child's needs. Availability is limited due to school capacity.
- WHEN:** School District of Manatee County VPK Choice dates are February 6<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- HOW:**
- Step 1:** Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, obtain a VPK Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition at [www.elc-manatee.org](http://www.elc-manatee.org) or 941-757-2900 or by visiting [Early Learning Family Portal: Home \(floridaearlylearning.com\)](http://floridaearlylearning.com).
- Step 2:** If the student has NEVER been enrolled in the School District of Manatee County, the parent/guardian must create a FOCUS account before accessing the application for VPK school choice. Registration in the district's FOCUS student information system can be done at <https://www.manateeschools.net/focus>.
- Step 3:** February 6th through the 17th VPK School Choice applications must be completed/signed by the ENROLLING parent/guardian via their FOCUS account. The student applicant must be registered in the FOCUS Student System (step 2), linked and enabled to the ENROLLING parent's FOCUS account for the enrolling parent to access the VPK School Choice application.

For more information contact:

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