



Message from the Early Learning Coalition

This notice is about:

Important Deadline

Free Resource(s)

School Readiness, EHS, VPK or other Contract Compliance

Compliance with State Requirement

Professional Development Opportunity

Informational

Reminder

If your VPK program began on August 22, 2016, your Assessment Period 1 assessment data must be entered on the [Online Reporting System](#) by Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Dear VPK Providers:

This is a reminder that the requirements for VPK assessment administration and submission have changed. This change was effective July 28, 2016 and the information on the change was included in the Early Learning Coalition's July provider newsletter. Information on the revised rule is available at:
<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=Office of Early Learning - Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program&ID=6M-8.620>

The revised rule eliminated the "Traditional" and "Non-Traditional" calendars. New requirements are as follows:
 Administration (Conducting the child assessment)

- Assessment Period 1 - **first thirty (30) calendar days** of the beginning of the VPK class schedule

- Assessment Period 2* - mid-program year
- Assessment Period 3 - **last thirty (30) calendar days** before the ending of the VPK class schedule

Data Submission (Entering children's scores into Bright Beginnings)

- Assessment Period 1 - **within forty-five (45) calendar days** of the first day of the VPK class schedule
- Assessment Period 2* - mid-program year
- Assessment Period 3 - **no later than fifteen (15) calendar days** after the last day of the VPK class schedule

***Providers on Probation who have chosen the Department of Education approved Staff Development Plan are also required to administer and submit data for Assessment Period 2.** Providers who are not on probation are not required to administer Assessment Period 2, however it is strongly recommended.



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