



Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program Maitland Community Preschool 2021-2022

Florida's VPK program is designed to provide every 4-year-old child in Florida with a high quality Voluntary Prekindergarten program with the vision that all of Florida's children would be eager to learn and ready to succeed when they enter Kindergarten. VPK funding is available to all children in our PreK classes who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021. Parents of children with spring/summer birthdays may also elect to delay enrollment in VPK until the following year, when they will be 5, however children are only eligible to participate in the VPK program for one school year. Maitland Community Preschool is happy to serve as a provider for the Florida VPK program.

In order to take advantage of the VPK funding, you must complete the Maitland Community Preschool registration for your child **and** complete the Orange County online VPK registration at: vpkcp.floridaearlylearning.com. You will need to provide your child's proof of age (copy of birth certificate or Florida shot record) and proof of Florida residency. You will receive a confirmation email followed by an Enrollment Certificate to print, sign, and turn in to MCP. Please note that the addresses on all items must match and the application must be made for Orange County as our school is located in Orange County.

All of our PreK classes are considered VPK+, as our program provides for more hours of instruction than the VPK program covers. To cover this difference in hours, we charge a small amount of tuition in addition to the VPK funds. Parents are responsible for the MCP registration fee, materials fee, and tuition.

However, because we do not want any children to be unable to attend for financial reasons, we do have a limited number of VPK-funding-only positions in our PreK classes. This means that only the VPK funds are used for that child's tuition and parents pay \$0 for tuition/fees. Nothing else is different. If the tuition and fees of our program make it prohibitive for you to send your child to MCP for PreK, please request a VPK-funding-only position on our Financial Assistance Application.

MCP is required to follow the VPK Attendance Policy for all of our PreK children. The policy states:

"Providers will be paid for the entire annual student allocation, unless a child misses more than 20% of the program. For those cases where a child is absent over the 20% absence threshold, the provider will not be paid for hours over 20% under any circumstances."

What this means for our MCP VPK families:

VPK will not pay us tuition after your child has missed 27 VPK school days. Therefore, beginning with your child's 28th absence, MCP will have to drop your child from our VPK program. Your child may continue to attend his class as usual, but tuition from that point forward will be the parent's responsibility, no longer paid by VPK funding.

We hope that the VPK attendance policy will not affect any of our families. We would not expect any of our children to have more than twenty-seven absences. Our receptionist tracks daily attendance, so she will let you know if you are in danger of having too many absences.

For more information about VPK, please contact the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County at: <http://elcoforangecounty.org/voluntary-prekindergarten-vpk> or 407-841-6607, or Betsy Wilson at MCP: bwilson@orangewood.org or 407-215-0990.

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