

SUMMER VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM (VPK)

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) will be implementing the second year of the required 300-hour VPK summer program for all Kindergarten eligible children (age 5 by September 1st) who have not participated in a school year VPK Program. Eligible candidates include presently enrolled Head Start and Preschool ESE students transitioning to Kindergarten.

Summer VPK Program information:

Dates: June 4, 2007 – August 1, 2007

Locations: North Area: Deerfield Park, Hunt, Maplewood, Pompano Beach, North Central Area: Challenger, Larkdale, Lloyd Estates, South Central Area: Plantation, Silver Ridge, Walker, South Area: Bethune, Pembroke Pines, Silver Shores

Times: 7:30am – 3pm = 7.5 hour student day / 7 hrs instruction & 30 minutes nap
7:00am – 3:30pm = 8.5 hour teacher day

Class Size: 20 children in a class with a DOE mandated 10 to 1 student: teacher ratio

Teachers: Two BCPS teachers certified in preschool, elementary or exceptional student education, with preschool or elementary teaching experience

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and snack at no cost to parents

Curriculum: Let's Begin With The Letter People with emphasis on the mastery of the Florida VPK Education Standards

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- All schools should publicize the Summer VPK Program by distributing Summer VPK; by putting VPK information in the school newsletter and by making their faculty aware of this free high quality program which may be appropriate for their own children and grandchildren.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Families of the students at your school will miss a valuable jump start on Kindergarten if you do not assist publicizing this upcoming summer program.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- Administration, teachers, and registrars

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- Through e-mails
- VPK Conference calls
- Through Elementary Principals meetings, and
- Other meetings at request

CONTACT

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