2026-2027 M-DCPS VPK APPLICATION



Apply to M-DCPS VPK Programs starting October 1st!

Beginning October 1st, you can apply to a Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DPCS) VPK Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

What are VPK Programs?

The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program is a <u>free</u> educational program that prepares every 4-year-old in Florida for kindergarten and builds the foundation for their educational success. M-DCPS VPK Programs offers each child an opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life by offering *high-quality* programs that include developmentally appropriate curricula with a focus on early literacy skills, developmental standards, accountability, substantial instruction periods, manageable class size, and qualified instructors.

Who Can Apply?

Students who turn four years of age on or before September 1, 2026. If the child's fourth birthday falls between February 2 through September 1 in a calendar year, parents may postpone enrolling their child in VPK until the following year when their child is 5 years old. Parents will be asked to provide documents showing proof of age and address for participation in the VPK Program.

How Do I Apply?

1. Access the M-DPCS Parent Portal

Visit <u>www.dadeschools.net</u>, click "Portal," followed by "Parents." Sign in using your Apple or Google Account or use the QR Code below.

- 2. Click on Admissions Application Tile
 Follow the instructions to begin the
 application and upload all required
 documentation directly through the
 system or bring to the school.
- 3. Submit Your Application by February 1st.

When Will I be Notified?

Families will be notified via email prior to March 15, 2026.



We look forward to welcoming you to our M-DCPS Family!





M-DCPS YOUR BEST CHOICE!



Proof of Identification (Must provide one)

- Official Birth Certificate
- Other Accepted ID: Passport, Baptismal Certificate, Insurance Policy



Proof of Address (Must provide two)

- Lease Agreement
- Property Deed
- Electric Billing Statement

Immunizations (Must provide both)

- Student Physical Examination (HRS Form 3040-Yellow Form)
- Certificate of Immunizations (HRS Form 680-Blue Form)

Prekindergarten Requirements

- Certificate of Eligibility (www.vpkhelp.org)
- 4 years-old on or before September 1st

*Proof of Identification and proof of address is needed for the VPK application process.









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