Supplemental Service Fees in the VPK Program

PURPOSE

To identify that a fee for supplemental service may be allowable if the fee is not a condition of enrollment in VPK.

REFERENCE

Section 1002.71(8), Florida Statutes (F.S.)

AUTHORITY

Reference to any laws, rules, and regulations in this guidance document includes revisions to those laws and regulations made after the effective date of this guidance document.

BACKGROUND

Section 1002.71(8), F.S., provides as follows:

> *(8) Except as otherwise expressly authorized by law, a private prekindergarten provider or public school may not:*
>
> *(a) Require payment of a fee or charge for services provided for a child enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program during a period reported for funding purposes; or*
>
> *(b) Require a child to enroll for, or require the payment of any fee or charge for, supplemental services as a condition of admitting a child for enrollment in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.*

Florida Statute does not prohibit a provider or school from charging fees for supplemental services to a parent who freely chooses to enroll his or her child for those services (e.g., "extended-day," "extended-year," "wrap-around," or "full-day" services).

Rather, this provision prohibits a provider or school from requiring a parent to pay for these services as a condition of serving the child in the VPK program. If a parent chooses not to enroll his or her child in the provider's or school's supplemental services, the parent may still enroll the child exclusively in the VPK program.

NON-COMPLAINCE INSTRUCTIONS

Whether through monitoring or by report, if an early learning coalition finds non-compliance with private or public school VPK program requirements, results must be included in appropriate monitoring reports. Corrective action and/or revocation of provider eligibility must be clearly documented and issued in accordance with statute and rule. The intended action must be resolved timely.

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