

Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program
Maitland Community Preschool
2010-2011

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 is available to all children for the 2010-2011 school year who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2010. Children are only eligible to participate in the VPK program for one year – the year that they are 4 on or before 9/1/2010. 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 apply for VPK funding through the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County. You may complete this application at the VPK Round Up to be held at MCP later this spring. You will need to provide your child's proof of age (birth certificate or shot record) and proof of residency (one of the following: drivers license, bank statement, power bill, copy of your mortgage or lease).

All of our PreK programs are considered VPK+, as our program provides for more hours of instruction than the VPK program covers. Parents are responsible for the MCP registration fee, materials fee, and tuition in addition to the VPK funding, as well as following the VPK Uniform Attendance Policy (see below). For our 5-day VPK+ class, Fridays do not count toward VPK attendance.

We do have a limited number of VPK-only positions (with no additional charges) in each of our PreK classes. If you would like your child to be considered for one of these positions, please complete the attached Financial Assistance Application and return it with your application to MCP.

For more information about the VPK program, please visit:

<http://www.floridajobs.org/VPK/index.html> or contact the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County at 407-532-4254.

VPK Uniform Attendance Policy:

“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 tuition for any absences after your child has missed 27 school days. Beginning with your child's 28th absence, MCP will charge you \$19.24 per day that your child is absent to cover the unpaid tuition (assuming the current VPK rate of \$4.81/hour).