

# 2025-2026 M-DCPS VPK LOTTERY



**Apply to M-DCPS VPK Programs  
starting January 21<sup>st</sup>!**

Beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>, you can apply to your Neighborhood Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DPCS) VPK Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

### What are VPK Programs?

The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program is a free 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, 2025. 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 must provide documents showing proof of age and address for participation in the lottery. Proof of address will be used to verify neighborhood boundary school.

### How Do I Apply?

- 1. Access the M-DPCS Parent Portal**  
Visit [www.dadeschools.net](http://www.dadeschools.net), click "Portal," followed by "Parents." Sign in using your Apple or Google Account or use the QR Code below.
- 2. Click on VPK Application**  
Follow the instructions to begin the application and upload all required documentation directly through the system.
- 3. Submit Your Application by March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### When Will I be Notified?

Selection occurs through a random lottery process and notifications will be sent via email on **March 15, 2025**.



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



**M-DCPS YOUR BEST CHOICE!**

# REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS



## 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](http://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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